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The Caledonian

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Caledonian Society Annual General Virtual Meeting Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

In addition to our Society event year being curtailed by COVID-19, our Annual General Membership meeting could not be held in June as scheduled. The Society Council decided that a virtual meeting via Zoom is the best alternative. We have scheduled it for **Sunday, August 23, at 2 p.m.** Besides the business meeting, Ben Moffat will read some Scottish stories. Ben is a former drama instructor at Windward Community College. He recently has read stories on an online SCEP outreach program through UH Manoa. We'll have more information on his performance for our AGM soon.

Members must **register in advance for the meeting** in order to gain access to the Zoom platform. Reservations can be made with Kevin Campbell Bogan, who has stepped into the Membership/Aloha Chair position. His email is kevin.bogan@gmail.com. More information on how to connect to the Zoom meeting will be emailed closer to the event.



At the meeting we will have the election of new Council members. We have three openings because of director retirements. We want to say mahalo and aloha to those retiring: Jeannie Ferrier, Carter Kimsey and Philip Paradine. The terms of Lillian Cunningham and Jackie Phillips are also expiring this year but they have agreed to run for reelection. As of this notice, we have two of the three needed nominees as Jamie McQuat and Brian Bellah have agreed to stand for director positions. We hope to fill the final nominee position by the time of the meeting and encourage anyone who wants to nominate themselves or someone else to contact Chieftain McEwan at 538-7707. One of our retiring directors, Carter Kimsey, is also our Treasurer, which is a very important role to be filled. If anyone has financial experience, please consider joining the Caledonian Society Council and contact Chieftain McEwan at 538-7707 or email him at bemacewan@gmail.com.

We hope to have a solid turnout of members for the meeting. At 55 years, The Caledonian Society is able to take advantage of technology to meet our mission and member needs.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF THE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY COUNCIL Sunday, August 23, 2020 * 2:00 p.m. * Via Zoom

**A vote will be taken among the members of the Caledonian Society in attendance via Zoom.
Nominations from the floor will be accepted.**

The following members are nominated for the five open (5) positions—one more needed:

**Lillian Cunningham
Jackie Phillips
Jamie McQuat
Brian Bellah**



Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

As you have all seen from the recent announcement, we are going virtual for our annual membership meeting, and I encourage as many members as possible to take advantage of the event.

There are a couple important things that we need to accomplish that can use member support. First, Burns Night 2021 will need a new venue. Our 2020 venue at Velocity will not be available. We have sufficient lead time, I hope, to find one. The program will be headlined by musician Bill Mullen, who performed at our 2019 Annual General Membership meeting. Hopefully the COVID-19 pandemic will have passed so that we can hold our annual keynote event. It's important that

we find and commit to a venue as soon as possible. We welcome member ideas, which can be sent to me or any other Council member at bemacewan@gmail.com.

The second important need is for an additional Caledonian member to serve on the Hawaiian Scottish Association (HSA) board of directors. Making sure that the Highland Festival & Games is successful rests with the leadership of HSA, which is its officers and directors, who come from the four sponsoring organizations. Anyone who wants to represent The Caledonian Society on the HSA board should contact me at 538-7707.

Member News

July Birthdays Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Bruce Bonbright, Shannon Brady, KC Collins, Sheryl Delsol, Akemi Donachie, Chuck and Trix Jamison, Donald Mackintosh, Susan Melow, Michael McIntosh, Jeremy McOuat, Brenda Reichel, Kent Reinker, MD, Debra Sanders, and Kit Smith.

August Birthdays Kevin Campbell Bogan, Lois Anne Gordon, Christopher Haig, Nancy Smiley, MD, and Rose Mary Thompson.

Note: If your birthday is in July or August and you don't see your name listed here, we probably don't have it in our database. We want to celebrate your special month too, so please contact Kevin Campbell Bogan at 778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@email.com.

The Society Dues are due in June for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We understand that the COVID19 pandemic has created economic hardships for many of our members. The Council has decided that any member who is unable to or would find it difficult to pay the 2020 dues may freely elect to forego payment of their dues this year without penalty or loss of membership in the Society. If you can afford the \$30, the Society is grateful. Also, life members who would like to help others by providing a donation please know it will help offset those dues as well and is a 501c(3) donation. Send your payments to: The Caledonian Society; P.O. Box 4164; Honolulu, HI 96812. You can also pay via credit card on our website using SquareUp at www.scotsinhawaii.org.

Council Member Kevin Bogan has agreed to take over the duties of the Membership Secretary. **Jeannie Ferrier** has decided to leave the Council at the end of this term. Jeannie has been on our Council, serving as our Membership Secretary for almost 10 years. Thank you, Jeannie, for all you have done to help us at our events and to keep the membership list up to date. And to Kevin, we welcome your technological expertise and willingness to move into this position.

In midsummer in Scotland, twilight extends far into times when we in Hawaii would expect full darkness. Here is one poet's description of this long Northern partial light. --Editor

Gloaming by Kathleen Jamie (b. 1962) Published 2004

We are flying, this summer's night, toward a brink, a wire-thin rim of light. It swells as we descend, then illuminates the land, enough to let us name, by hill or river mouth, each township below. This is the North, where people, the world perhaps, likes to imagine, hold a fish in one hand, in the other a candle. I could settle for that. The plane shudders, then rolls to a standstill at the far end of the runway. It's not day, this light we've entered, but day is present at the negotiation. The sky's the still pale grey of a heron, attending the tide-pools of the shore.



Born in the west of Scotland, Kathleen Jamie now lives in Fife and lectures in Creative Writing at St. Andrews University; she is regarded as one of the best Scottish poets writing today. A slightly different version of this poem was published as *The Heron* in 2002."

Commentary from *Highlands & Islands: Poetry of Place*, Edited by Mary Miers. Heron: allaboutbirds.org

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Scotland Coronavirus Update

Scotland has been in lockdown since 23 March and did not make major changes to restrictions when they were announced for England earlier this month.

On Friday, July 17, First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon said there had now been a "sustained and unmistakable" downward trend in the spread of the virus over a number of weeks, meaning changes could now be made starting that same day.

People in Scotland will now be able to meet their friends and family outside but must keep two metres apart. They must remain outdoors and in groups of no more than eight. People are still being urged to "stay at home as much as possible" with the warning that the virus "is still out there." She said "Please remember that we should still be meeting far fewer people outside your own household than we would in normal times." The Scottish government has introduced four phases for easing the restrictions.

The changes announced Friday mark the beginning of Phase I. *BBC.com July 17, 2020*



Nicola Sturgeon

University of Glasgow Leads COVID-19 Research Response in Scotland

The University of Glasgow is at the heart of COVID-19 research response in Scotland and the UK. Scientists at the University are currently working on a number of vital COVID-19 related research projects, including vaccines, testing, treatment, virus behaviour, health complications and the wider effects of the pandemic on society.

The MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research (CVR) is working in partnership with colleagues across the UK on a range of research areas related to the new coronavirus, including working closely with colleagues in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the University of Oxford on Phase III vaccine trials.

Research areas include fundamental studies to understand the nature of SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus which causes COVID-19, genomic sequencing and bioinformatics analyses of the virus from patient samples, and the identification of potential therapies.

The University of Glasgow is also hosting a major COVID-19 testing centre at our Clinical Innovation Zone at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital campus. The Lighthouse Lab in Glasgow, officially opened on 22 April and is made possible by collaboration and support from Scottish and UK Governments, NHS, industry partners and with the help of over 500 staff volunteers. *Gla.ac.uk; 15 July 2020*

308 Year-Old Post Office for Sale



The world's oldest working post office, in Dumfries and Galloway in [Scotland](#), is on the hunt for a new postmaster to become part of "postal history." Sanquhar Post Office, which has been in operation for over 300 years, needs someone new to run its daily operations after the current owners retire. Whoever takes on the role will be the 17th person to run the office, which first opened its doors back in 1712.

The post office is on the market for £275,000 and comes with a lovely three-bedroom cottage. As well as managing the post office floor, new owners will also be able to enjoy the quaint home. Inside, you'll find two [bathrooms](#), a large lounge, practical study and a well-sized garden to the rear — perfect for relaxing in after a busy day serving customers.

Countryliving.com

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My Heart's in the Highlands

By Robert Burns (1759-96)

My journey through the Highlands was perfectly inspiring, and I hope I have laid in a new stock of poetical ideas, wrote Robert Burns after a tour of the Highlands with William Nicol in 1787. This nostalgic song below describes the yearning felt by an emigrant for his native land. The first verse is from old fragments; the rest was composed by the Bard to fit an existing melody. It was published in James Johnson's *The Scots Musical Museum* (1790).

Commentary from *Highlands & Islands: Poetry of Place*, Edited by Mary Miers. 2010

Farewell to the Highlands, farewell to the North
The birthplace of valor, the country of worth:
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The hills of the Highlands, for ever I love.

Chorus

*My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;
My heart's in the Highlands, a-chasing the deer;
A-chasing the wild deer, and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.*

Farewell to the mountains high-cover'd with snow;
Farewell to the straths and green valleys below;
Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods;
Farewell to the torrents and loud-pouring floods.

Chorus

Report on Society Meeting Survey conducted June 26 to July 3

Thirty-six members responded to a survey about how to conduct Society meetings during the pandemic. There was more acceptance of a Zoom or other online service meeting than a face-to-face meeting, but many people were substantially comfortable with face-to-face meetings if done properly.

Zoom was preferred by 42.9% of the respondents while face-to-face was preferred by 25.7%. 25.7% had no preference.

Most respondents would have little or no problem using Zoom.

In terms of availability, mornings were generally not popular and evenings were the most popular. Saturday afternoon or evening are the most popular slots. Tuesday and Thursday nights and Sunday afternoon are also popular.

Recommendations for events were consistent with past events: history, geography, music, dramatic character readings, etc.