



# The Caledonian

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## *The Annual Meeting of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:00AM to 2:00PM*



*Walking through Scotland; www.backroads.com/Scotland*

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** is set for the Caledonian Society AGM at **The Waikiki Yacht Club at Ala Moana Beach Park** (1599 Ala Moana Blvd.) This will be our first post-COVID in-person event and will include lunch. Besides taking care of our annual business, including elections of officers and council members, we expect to have an unusual and interesting program. **Denby Fawcett and Joe Vierra** will tell us about their experiences while *Walking Through Scotland*.

The menu will be a Mediterranean plate with a choice of fish, chicken, or vegetarian for \$35 per person, or lamb kabobs for \$40 per person.

*See the reservation form below or go to the Society website [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org) to pay by credit card.*

Contact Kevin Bogan at [kevin.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bogan@gmail.com) for more information.

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be hosted by our Membership Secretary, Kevin Bogan. The main business is the election of our directors. There are five positions available and five members running so far. Agreeing to run for another three-year term on the Council are **Janice Choate-Zavakos, Jeremy McOuat, and Brian Richardson**. Running for their first three-year terms are **Jill Ackerman and Anton Anderssen**.

### RESERVATION FORM FOR AGM 6/25/2022

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD CHOICE(S): PLEASE CHOSE ONE PER PERSON ATTENDING.

CHICKEN \$35 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

FISH \$35 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

VEGETARIAN \$35 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

LAMB KABABS \$40 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

All choices include a starter of hummus & pita, dessert of baklava, & non-alcoholic drinks, iced tea, coffee, or soda.

## Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



I hope we will have a good turnout for our in-person Annual General Membership meeting. The program is an interesting one that highlights a very important reason for going to Scotland and enjoying its natural beauty. I personally have enjoyed communing with nature in Scotland, one of the most refreshing parts of the UK. The board will be planning the 2022-2023 Society year events in August and input from members is always an important part of the process. We will be looking at more in-person events with the same educational quality that we have had through our Zoom events. I am hopeful that more members will take part in the Scottish Heroes series. There are still many notable and lesser known Scots who have made their mark in the world over the centuries. I encourage members to do some research and find a Scot whom you believe is a hero to you. Contact me at [bemacewan@gmail.com](mailto:bemacewan@gmail.com) to sign up for a Scottish hero or to suggest a program for our coming year. Slàinte, Bruce

### Member News

**May Birthdays** Anton Anderssen, Susan Anderson, Ian Birnie, Steve Craven, Stuart Donachie, Walter Killough, Ian Laing, Elizabeth MacNeill, Ron MacPherson, David Main, Mary O'Brien-Ichikawa, and Adella & William Sefrhans.

**Caledonian member Tory Laitila** continues to impress Hawaii and our Society with his dedication to enjoying his life and learning much along the way. His current job is as the curator of textiles and historic arts of Hawaii at the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA). The current issue of the Hawaiian Airlines onboard magazine *Hana Hou*, features Tory in *Man of the Cloth* (Issue 25.3; May-June 2022) in his subterranean textile workroom at HoMA. He cares for the museum's vast collections from many centuries and countries. Check out the whole article <https://hanahou.com/25.3/man-of-the-cloth>.

Congratulations again Tory!

### Membership Fees are Due

For the past two years, the Council has approved forgiving the annual fee for membership due to Covid restrictions. We are anticipating the costs of running the Society to begin to increase again as we move back to in-person events. **Please send in your \$30 per person to continue to enjoy our programs and events for the coming fiscal year—July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.**

Checks can be mailed to:  
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If you prefer to use a credit card, please see our website at [www.scotsinhawaii.org](http://www.scotsinhawaii.org) to pay with SquareUp. Also let us know if there have been any changes to your address or telephone numbers. We look forward to seeing you during the coming year.

**June Birthdays** Lesley Brey, Jean Bruce, Marcy Moore & Jason Seal.

**Note:** If your birthday is in May or June, 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 808-778-4697 or by email at [kevin.bogan@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bogan@gmail.com)

### Puzzle Questions: Scottish Queens and Princesses

1. Queen Elizabeth, besides being Queen of Great Britain, which includes Scotland, could be considered a Scottish Queen in perhaps three other ways. Name one other way.
2. The oldest building in Edinburgh is named after a Scottish Queen. What is the building and which Queen was she?
3. Who was the youngest Queen that Scotland ever had?
4. Where did Mary, Queen of Scots, spend her last night on Scottish soil?
5. The first king of Britain was born in Scotland. Who was his mother and where was he born?
6. What residential connection was there between H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Shakespeare's favorite Scottish King, Macbeth?
7. Shortly before he died, James V of Scotland, was told of the birth of a daughter. He is supposed to have said, "It came wi' a lass and it will gang wi' a lass." What was 'it' and who were the lasses? (He was right.)
8. Queensferry stands just beside the Forth Bridge. Which Queen gave it that name?
9. Mary, Queen of Scots, could speak French better than she could speak English. Where was she born?
10. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, has two royal homes in Scotland. What are they called and where are they?  
*(Answers will appear in the July-August newsletter)*

## ***Walking Through Scotland***

Many visitors to Scotland may not have considered walking a way to view Scotland's dramatic natural beauty, but walking is now an increasingly popular and accessible Scottish tourism option. Many named routes now await us in various parts of Scotland, including the oldest and most popular long-distance route, the West Highland Way from Milngarve to Fort William. These trails— your choice from 29 of them—can be walked in their entirety, in a trip lasting days or weeks, or parts of the trails walked as day trips. The trails are largely off-road, well-marked, and maintained by both local and national authorities.

The trails are selected partly for their scenic beauty and accessibility and often follow some scenic feature such as a river, or a coastline. These include the Speyside Way, from Buckie to Aviemore following the course of the river Spey, various trails following sections of the Scottish mainland and island coasts, and the Romans and Reivers Way, following former Roman roads in the Borders. One trail popular with American walkers is the John Muir Way, 215 km long, from Helensburgh to Dunbar, and named in honor of John Muir, a Scot from Dunbar, who became a founder of the US National Park Services. (Information from Wikipedia, "Scotland's Great Trails.")

Two walkers who live in Hawaii have walked Scottish trails recently and have agreed to share pictures and reports of their trips with the Caledonian Society at our AGM on June 25.

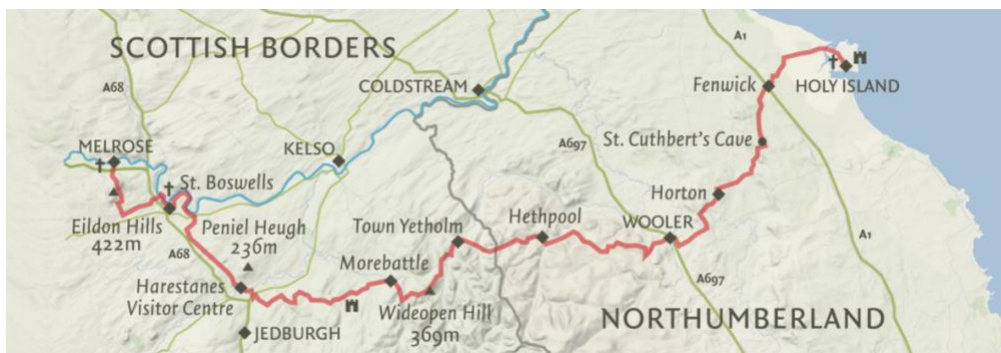


**Denby Fawcett** (at left) will share highlights of her 134 mile walk from coast to coast in Scotland. The trek began in Helensburgh in the West in August 2019 and ended two weeks later in the east in Dunbar, the birthplace of naturalist John Muir. She walked up steep hills to ancient Roman forts and across farms and sprawling estates to stop in to visit homes more majestic than Downton Abbey. Her walking companions were her daughter and two friends. Denby is a longtime news reporter in Honolulu. Currently, she is a columnist for Honolulu Civil Beat.



**Joe Vierra** spent most of his professional career in what has become known as 'Resort Engineering,' the design of roads and infra-structure for resort areas, which is a design style that either hides or enhances the basic infrastructure support elements of a resort. He worked on all the major resort areas in the State of Hawaii for 53 years. He retired in 2018 and took up annual walking treks with members of his family. He has done the two world pilgrimage sites—one in Spain (Camino de Santiago) and one in Japan (Kumano Kodo). The Dalmatian Islands off the Coast of Croatia was his trek in 2021, before his current trek in Scotland from Edinburgh through Melrose to St. Cuthbert's Holy Island, Lindisfarne, located off the coast of England.

**Joe Vierra**



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### Consolidated Celtic Calendar

<https://goo.gl/mCnvsU>

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### Chapter Sayings from *The Hebridean Baker* (at right)

*'S fhràrr am bonnach beag le beannachd, na am bonnach mòr le mallachd.*

Better the wee scone with a blessing, than the big scone with a curse. *Chapter 5*

*Cha bhòrd bòrd gun aran, ach is bòrd aran leis fhèin.*

A table isn't a table without bread on it—but bread by itself makes a table. *Chapter 1*

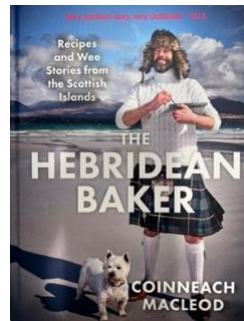
## The Hebridean Baker by Lillian Cunningham

Recently Bruce and I were given a copy of a new hardcover Scottish cookbook titled *The Hebridean Baker* by Coinneach MacLeod, published in 2021. It was a great gift, and we recommend it either as a gift or for yourself. The book is beautiful, with gorgeous full-page photographs of the baker himself and of his island world, including his food, his surroundings, and his dog. Fans of *Outlander* will probably enjoy page after page of Coinneach in his fur hat.

We have tried half a dozen of the 70 or so recipes and found them all uncomplicated to make and tasty to eat. Particularly pleasing to us were the *Savoury Oats*, a hearty breakfast dish, which flavors the oats with bacon, onions, cheese and chili and serves it with an egg on top as if it were a cousin of Loco Moco. We enjoyed the *Burns Night Cullen Skink*, which we made with sea bass rather than the haddock the recipe specifies.

The book also includes what Coinneach (Kenneth) calls "Wee Stories from the Scottish Islands," which give the feel of his life. Here, to suggest the flavor of his writing, is part of his introduction to the book.

*Close your eyes. What is your picture of the Outer Hebrides? Walking along a deserted beach on a wild, stormy day? Climbing to the top of a heather-strewn hill with a happy wee dog by your side? Sipping a dram of whisky at a ceilidh as a Gaelic song is being sung? Or sitting by your aunt's warm stove waiting for a cake to come out of the oven? For me, it has been all these things, and more. . . and they have inspired every page of this book.*



*Failte, I'm the Hebridean Baker.*

*My name is Coinneach MacLeod, and I am from the island of Lewis—the farthest north of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. My love of baking is only equalled by the love I have for the island where I was born—the furthest north of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland—which made writing this cookbook a very special and humbling experience. I feel like I am*

*living my dream, sharing recipes and stories from the Islands with you. The Hebrides is a larder like no other, with some of the best whisky, seafood, meat and homegrown produce you'll ever be lucky enough to enjoy, and I'm hoping whether you are in Brooklyn, Vancouver or Perth, you'll discover a wee slice of the Hebrides among these pages.*

*Best of all, I'd love it if this book made you do three things:*

- 1. Come and visit the Hebrides. . .*
- 2. Slow down. The Danes created 'hygge'- which we can understand as a feeling of contentment. . .*
- 3. Try a few of my recipes. . .and when you try one you really will believe that 'Homemade is Always Best' . . .(pages 1-2)*

*Available at Amazon.com & BarnesandNoble.com*

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Caledonian Society of Hawaii, along with our fellow Celtic organizations, had the honor of being invited to attend the Platinum (70<sup>th</sup>) Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her historic reign as the monarch of the United Kingdom and its Commonwealth Nations. The event, held at Iolani Palace, highlighted the historic link between the monarchy of Great Britain and the monarchy of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Of special interest to The Caledonian Society was the important roles of two of our members. The idea for the celebration was the brainchild of Hardy Spoehr, a long-time Caledonian Society member and member of our board. Hardy, along with member Tory Laitila, were on the planning committee for the event. Tory, our 2021 Scot of the Year, held the role of Town Crier, which meant he read a Proclamation to the Queen and led "Three Cheers for Her Majesty and Our Royals." It is great to see the talents of our members recognized beyond our Society.

At the conclusion of the event, attendees were invited to write a message to Queen Elizabeth in books that will be sent to Buckingham Palace as part of the worldwide tribute. **Chieftain McEwan**, on behalf of The Caledonian Society, wrote the following message:

*Your Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II  
In 1897, Scots in Hawaii celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.  
In 2022, our current generation of Scots in Hawaii are proud to celebrate  
your Platinum Jubilee. All the best wishes to you. Slàinte mhath.  
Bruce McEwan, Chieftain  
The Caledonian Society of Hawaii*

It was a pleasure to represent our organization at this historic event.



*Tory Laitila, Susan MacKinnon, Tracy Burnham (in front), Brian Richardson, Tim Cooke, Chieftain McEwan, Lillian Cunningham, Kristin Rivers, & Janice Choate-Zavakos.*

*Thanks to Janice Choate-Zavakos and Nancy Smiley for great pictures from the Jubilee celebration.*

*Jubilee pictures continued*



*Susan MacKinnon, Tim Cooke, & Karen Thompson*



*Celtic Pipes & Drums of Hawaii*



*Royal groups listening to the Royal Hawaiian Band*



*Nancy Smiley & Tory Laitila*

*Chieftain Bruce McEwan and Lillian Cunningham*

