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TIS THE SEASON: SCOTTISH GARDENS.

It is the season when many temperate zone gardens are at their showy best, assuming they have had their appropriate amounts of summer rain and heat. Scotland has hundreds of such gardens, lovingly tended, some of them consisting of many magnificent acres, many of them welcoming visitors. Many such gardens are associated with castles, but some others are more public or are maintained primarily for research purposes. Some of the castle gardens were established originally in the Middle Ages, and many are very artistic while others have practical uses such as kitchen gardens. Beautiful gardens are located in most regions all over Scotland.



On Saturday, August 12th, we will visit a few Scottish gardens via Zoom at our upcoming event, "Tis the Season: Scottish Gardens." **From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** some of our members will present gardens including Susan Anderson who will present **Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross**, Karen Thompson will present **Brodict Castle Garden on the island of Arran**, and Kevin Bogan will present **Pitmedden Garden in Aberdeenshire**.

Pitmedden Garden in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Tripadvisor

To attend the Zoom meeting, please reserve in advance so that we know you are coming. Contact Kevin Bogan, at kevin.bogan@gmail.com to reserve your place. If anyone else would like to present a garden at this meeting, please contact Lillian Cunningham in advance (by August 1st) at lillianc@hawaii.edu.

Musings on Scotland.

from The Scottish Quotation Book, ed. Joyce & Maurice Lindsay, 1991

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.
ROBERT BURNS, Scots Musical Museum, 1790 (o, 20)

From the lone sheiling of the misty island
Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas --
Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides.
ANON. Blackwood's Magazine, Sept. 1829 (p.18)

God help England if she had no Scots to think for her!
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, The Apple Cart, 1929. (p. 41)

In the highlands, in the country places,
Where the old plain men have rosy faces,
And the young fair maidens
Quiet eyes.
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, Songs of Travel, 1896 (p. 23)

The superb Loch Lomond, the fine sunlight that gilded
its waters, the silvery rocks that skirted its shores, the
flowery and vercant mosses, the black oxen, the white
sheep, the shepherds beneath the pines ...I shall often
dream of Tarbet, even in the midst of lovely Italy with
its oranges, its myrtles, its laurels, and its jessamines.
B. FAUJAS ST FOND, Travels in England & Scotland, 1784 (p. 25)

Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



As I write this column, the Council is preparing for our annual planning meeting to set the event schedule for 2023-2024. We always encourage ideas for programs from members, but also want volunteers to participate in the programs. Contact a Council member if you have ideas for events. I personally am hopeful that we will have more Scottish Heroes presentations, live this time, for members to highlight Scots that they admire.

A big mahalo to all the members who attended our Annual General Membership Meeting in June. It is an important time not only for review of our year and elections, but also for socializing amongst members, who sometimes haven't seen each other in person during the year. It's also a time to meet other members who have never met each other before.

As we start the new event year, let's be sure to attend as many meetings as possible to learn from all our Scottish programs and to interact with other members. When the calendar of events with dates comes out, be sure to put them all on your calendars.

Slàinte, Bruce

Member News

July Birthdays Neil Abercrombie, Bruce Bonbright, Chuck Jamison, Donald MacKintosh, Jeremy McOuat, Susan Melow, Kit Smith, and Fran Wiebenga.

August Birthdays Kevin Campbell Bogan, Lois Anne Gordon, Chris Haig, Jim Putnam, Nancy Smiley, Rita Thompson, and Brian Whitcraft.

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 808-778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@gmail.com.

The Caledonian Society relies on membership participation, donations, and annual membership fees to keep the Society healthy, to allow us to plan events, and to keep costs at a minimum. Most events are either free or kept at our cost. We also do not charge extra on most events for bringing a guest. Now our 2023-2024 fiscal year has begun, and it's time to send in your fee of \$30 per member (we don't have a family membership). If you have a question regarding your membership, please contact our membership secretary, Kevin Bogan, at kevin.bogan@gmail.com.

To pay by credit card, please go to www.scotsinhawaii.com and use the link there for SquareUp. (A fee of \$2 is added for each charge.)

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Member Lisa Gomes has donated to the Society a slightly used woman's size 10 Scottish Highland dance outfit. The tartan is Wallace. It includes a white under-blouse, Wallace kilt, blue vest and a pair of plaid socks. For more information, please contact Chieftain McEwan at 808-538-7707.



Scottish Education Research Grant

The SERG committee is considering changes to the grant to allow for a wider range of possibilities of participation and inclusion. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Chieftain Bruce McEwan at 808-538-7707.

Moffat, Scotland located in the southern borderland of Annandale Valley, has been named Scotland's darkest town. This is because in 2016, Moffat was designated as an International Dark Sky Community. The streetlights were directed downward so it is much dimmer on the streets as visitors walk towards the Moffat Community Observatory where a 16-inch Meade telescope allows guests to view the night-sky. Weather permitting you can see the rings on Saturn. The best time to visit is in October during the Moffat Walking Festival.



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AGM June 24, 2023 Recap

The Annual General Meeting held at the Waikiki Yacht Club was a well-attended, informative, and surprising event. Thirty-two members and some guests enjoyed the beautiful Waikiki Yacht Club with its abundance of sailing boats just steps away. The Mediterranean luncheon buffet included salads, chicken, fish and an excellent baclava. Chieftain McEwan updated us on the condition of the Society and Lillian Cunningham reminded us of some of the events of the past year.



*Hardy, Jeremy, Bruce, Karen, Jackie, Larry, Jill, Lillian, Susan M., Janice, Susan A., and our newest member, Josh Beem.
Absent: Anton, Kevin, & Brian. See Council list on page. 4.*

The election of the officers was held with a surprise self-nomination from the floor. Joshua Beem, a new member from the Highland Festival, nominated himself to be a member on our Council. Thank you, Josh, we look forward to your ideas and help throughout the next few years. We say Aloha and thank you to Jamie McOuat who is retiring, and thank you to continuing Council members, Jackie & Larry Phillips, Lillian Cunningham, and Hardy Spoehr. Also, a big Mahalo to continuing Council member, Karen Thompson, who has agreed to take the Treasurer's position that the Chieftain has been handling for quite a few years.

After lunch singer, Honolulu entertainer, James McCarthy (*below*), took on the persona of Scottish storyteller Duncan Williamson (1928-2007). Williamson, also a singer and author, has been called "one of Scotland's greatest tradition bearers."



*Standing: Susan & Scott MacKinnon
Seated: Bruce McEwan, Jeannie Ferrier, and Lillian Cunningham.*



Sheryl & Sharon Delsol, Jackie Jones and Josh Beem.



*Debra Harrison, Jackie Phillips, Janice Choate-Zavakos
Larry Phillips and Donna Jinbo.*



*Mary Fraser, Mary O'Brien-Ichikawa, Jeremy McOuat,
Hardy Spoehr, and Nancy Smiley.*

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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Caledonian Society Events 2023-2024

The Council will soon be holding a special planning meeting. When approved, the events scheduled for 2023-2024 will be posted. Event date & times are subject to change.

One more "Musings on Scotland"

The rose of all the world is not for me.

I want for my part

Only the little white rose of Scotland

That smells sharp and sweet, and breaks the heart.

High MacDiarmid, "The Little White Rose." (p.8)



Standing: Mary Jill Ackerman; Seated: Karin & Stan Jones.



Mary O'Brien Ichikawa and Mary Fraser enjoying the boats and sun.



Tory & Kristin Laitila entering the Waikiki Yacht Club.