



The Caledonian

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Scottish Gardens Program Postponed

Having been announced in various places as occurring on May 20th or May 27th, the program on Scottish Gardens has now been postponed for several reasons. Scottish Gardens will be presented, probably both in-person and on Zoom, on a still-to-be-determined future date. Watch for an announcement of the Scottish Gardens program later in the blooming season this year.

Annual General Meeting: Always a Special Event

The Annual General Meeting on June 24th will be our next gathering of the Caledonian Society of Hawaii. It will take place from 11 am to 2 pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club and will include a luncheon and a program. A short business meeting, as required by our by-laws, will include the election of 5 Council members to replace or re-elect Council members whose terms are expiring this year. Any member may nominate someone (including yourself) to run for the Council. To nominate someone for the Council, contact Chieftain McEwan by email, bemacewan@gmail.com or by telephone, 808-538-7707.

Please add the date of Saturday, June 24th, to your calendar and save the date to attend the AGM. More information, including price and program, will be available soon. Rumor says local actor James McCarthy has made contact with a historical Scot visiting Hawaii and will bring him to the AGM!



A historical note: The Battle of Bannockburn near Stirling, involving Robert the Bruce of Scotland and King Edward II of England, took place on June 23rd and 24th, 1314. (right; Robert the Bruce addressing his troops; British Battles, Scottish Wars of Independence, Battle of Bannockburn. BTW Bruce won this battle.)

The Great Scottish Tours: Video-Lectures with Popcorn

On Saturday, April 29th, a group of Caledonians gathered at St. Clement's Parish Hall to watch a pair of video-lectures presented on DVD by Professor Allitt of Emory University. These two DVD's are from a course, which as a whole is called *The Great Tours: England, Scotland, and Wales*. The two DVD's we viewed were titled "Edinburgh and Glasgow" and "Wild Scotland: Beyond Edinburgh and Glasgow." Viewers saw important buildings and sites in the two cities and then a selection of places from other parts of Scotland including castles, battlefields, natural beauties, and historical sites.

Thanks from in-person attendees for the fragrant popcorn made by Jackie Phillips. Thanks also to Kevin Campbell Bogan for taking reservations and leading the event, to Brian Richardson for showing the DVD's, and to everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up.

Some attendees mentioned that they would like to see these DVD's again, so discussion has been started about making them available for a short time on-line. The experimental late afternoon time of this event (4 pm to 6 pm) seemed to work for some attendees and viewers. We may try scheduling some future events in the late afternoon again. Let one of the Council members know your scheduling preferences (for contact info see page 4).

Chieftain's Column: From the Craig



The Society year is drawing to a close with the Annual Membership Meeting in June. It is also time to ask for help from our members. We still have the opening for a Treasurer and hope that someone will step forward to take the position. We don't need an accountant, but someone who is organized and good at working with numbers.

The Hawaiian-Scottish Association, to which The Caledonian Society is a founding and supporting member, is in the process of creating a strategic plan to provide guidance for future Highland Festivals. Each member organization is entitled to five (5) representatives on the Board of Directors. The Caledonian Society needs volunteers to serve on the HSA board to make the decisions needed for a successful Highland Festival. Any interested Caledonian Society member can serve on the board.

Finally, as we move into the 2023-2024 Society year, we will not only be welcoming our renewal members, but also recruiting new members, and asking our Life Members to continue to support the organization with tax-deductible donations. Let our new Society year be one showing the strength of volunteerism. Slainte, Bruce

Member News

May Birthdays Anton Anderssen, Susan Anderson, Ian Bernie, Bob Camelleri, Stephen Craven, Stuart Donachie, Ching Hsin Duncan, Ian Stuart Laing, Beth MacNeill, David Main, and Mary O'Brien-Ichikawa.

June Birthdays Leslie Brey, Jean Bruce, Nancy Muir McPherson, and 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.

Member Chris Haig found an interesting article in the *New York Times* on castles in Scotland to stay overnight. Scottish castles mentioned are Scone Castle in central Scotland, Glenapp Castle along the Ayrshire coast in southwestern Scotland, and Forter Castle in the Scottish Highlands.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/28/travel/castles-coronation-britain.html>



Scone Castle, Scotland.

Chieftain McEwan received from Ann Miller an article titled "Researchers Find Hidden Markings on the Stone of Destiny, Sacred Slab Used in British Coronations."

Ahead of the crowning of Charles III on May 6th, experts analyzed the Stone of Destiny with cutting-edge technology. For centuries, the Stone of Destiny—also known as the Stone of Scone—has played a key role in the coronations of Scottish and British monarchs. The block of red sandstone, which was placed in the *Coronation Chair* at Charles III's crowning on May 6th, has long been shrouded in mystery and myth. But a new analysis of the stone is offering researchers insights on its origins.

Experts at Historic Environment Scotland (HES) used cutting-edge scanning tools to create a 3D model of the stone. They also conducted an X-ray fluorescence analysis that revealed the object's elemental composition. Key findings include previously unseen markings that could be Roman numerals, traces of copper alloy and gypsum plaster, and tool marks left during both the stone's original carving and a 1951 repair.

"The discovery of previously unrecorded markings is ... significant, and while at this point we're unable to say for certain what their purpose or meaning might be, they offer the exciting opportunity for further areas of study," says Ewan Hyslop, head of research and climate change at HES, in a statement. "We may not have all the answers at this stage, but what we've been able to uncover is testament to a variety of uses in the stone's long history and contributes to its provenance and authenticity."

See more at <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/researchers-find-hidden-markings-on-coronation-stone-of-destiny-180982044/>

(From the *Smithsonian* April 25, 2023)

Highland Festival & Games

April 1-2 at Jefferson Elementary



Kevin Bogan greeting an interested attendee



Highland Dancers and Piper



Keiki Game area



Hawaiian Blessing at Opening Ceremony



The crowd gathering for the Opening Ceremony



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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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Caledonian Society Events 2022-2023

As proposed at the August 2022 Society planning meeting.
Subject to change

May 27	Scottish Gardens (Postponed)
Jun 24	Annual General Meeting & Luncheon Waikiki Yacht Club/ More info TBD

Festival pictures continued



Celtic Pipes & Drums members



Celtic Pipes & Drums lined up for the Opening Parade

Highland Dancers from Scotland & Kaimana McOuat waving on Tartan Day, April 6, State Capital

