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Princess Ka'iulani: The Movie and the History March 3

Hollywood and history sometimes do not see past events the same way. Here's a chance to see the recent movie about our Scottish-Hawaiian princess and hear a historian's take on what is historical and what fictional in the 2009 movie.

See the movie *Princess Ka'iulani* on **March 3, 2012** at **St Clement's Parish Hall**, 1515 Wilder Ave, Honolulu, starting at **6:45 pm**. **Dr. Paul Field**, recently retired from Windward Community College, taught courses in Hawaiian history and will be our authority on the historical events in the life of the princess and in Hawai'i.

Popcorn and soft drinks will be available. There is no charge for this event.

Princess Ka'iulani (1875-1899) was the heir to the throne of Hawai'i as the daughter of Princess Miriam Like- like and Scottish-born Archibald Scott Cleghorn. Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson befriended her during his time in Hawai'i and wrote a poem at her departure for schooling in UK.

The 2009 movie by Marc Forby (originally called *The Barbarian Princess*) starring Q'orianka Kilcher, includes scenes shot in 'Iolani Palace and one on *The Falls of Clyde*. The movie starts with her childhood in Hawai'i and follows her education in England, the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, her attempt to undo the overthrow by appeals to the U.S., and her return home to Hawai'i.

Others have also portrayed the history of "the Pikake Princess" in books and plays, including Jennifer Fahrni, who is associated with Maui Celtic, and the originator of "The Ka'iulani Project."

Society News

From The Craig

By Chieftain Bruce McEwan



The comments from the attendees at the Burns Night celebration have been consistent in their praise for the venue, the food, and the participants who made this traditional Burns Night a top rate one. For those who worked so hard to bring it together, appreciation from

those who attended is a great reward. As our premier event of the year, quality is paramount and showing respect for the memory of Robert Burns is essential. It all came together in 2012!

I'm sure each event this year will hold something special for everyone who attends. As we move closer to the Highland Festival on March 31 and April 1, we will again be asking for volunteers to help at The Caledonian Society cultural exhibit. Please support your Society.

Yours aye,

Bruce McEwan, Chieftain

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Upcoming Events

Sat Mar 3 Princess Ka'iulani: The Movie and the History. St. Clement's Parish Hall, 6:45 pm. The movie, Paul Field, popcorn & soft drinks. Donation.

Fri Mar 23 HSA Pre-Festival Whisky Tasting: "The Grand Scotch Tour," The Willows, 901 Hausten St., Honolulu, **5 - 8 pm.** Cost \$70 in advance /\$80 at the door. Up to 30 whiskies available for tasting. Food included. Phone The Willows 952-9200 for reservations. Fund-raiser for Festival.

Thu Mar 29 Sunset Tribute to Princess Ka'iulani, Mauna Ala, Royal Mausoleum. 6 pm. Free

Fri Mar 30 HSA Pre-Festival Ceilidh: Food, drink, & festival entertainers, **The Willows** 5-9 pm \$30 in advance / \$35 at the door. Phone 952-9200 for reservations.

Sat/Sun Mar 31& Apr 1 Hawaiian Scottish Festival, Kapiolani Park, 9 am-5 pm, free entry. Music, dance, Highland athletics, exhibits, food, clans, Scottish wares. Caledonian Society sponsors membership table, historical display & children's events. Overall festival run by Hawaiian Scottish Association.



Fri Apr 6 National Tartan Day: Wear your tartan wherever you are. The day has been designated by Congress and the Hawaii State Legislature to honor Scots and their contributions in Hawaii and the USA.

The Tartan event originally scheduled for Sat, April 28 has been postponed.

Sat May 19 Scots in Hawaii: Memories of R. Alex Anderson by Leith Anderson Penthouse at 1001 Wilder Ave, Honolulu, 3-5 pm. Hosted by Elspeth Kerr. Bring a sweet or savory snack to share with tea. No charge.

Burns Supper



2012 Scot of the Year award to Vice-Chieftain Susan MacKinnon, recognized for her exemplary service to the Society, including chairing a number of Burns Nights. Susan dedicated her award to her mother-in-law, a Society Charter member, Lillian MacKinnon

2012 White Heather Award to Master Craftsman Vincent Evans, bladesmith and maker of historical Scottish weapons, assisted by his wife Grace. Vince, a Hawaii native and formerly a Caledonian Society member, now works from the Island of Hawaii. His pieces, such as swords and knives, are much prized by collectors.



Scottish Games



Come to spend a full day or even two at Kapiolani Park, March 31 and April 1. Bring the keiki and all your ohana. There will be plenty of things for all ages and tastes to do and see. And that's no April fooling! Here's what to do:

Cheer for the passing pipe bands, athletes, medievalists, and clansmen each day at 11:30 am followed by opening ceremonies Sat at 12 noon.

Get in the groove with entertainment on 3 stages from 9 to 5. Guest musician Jeremy Walsh, Celtic singer from Canada, once belonged to a band called Scruj Macduhk! Celtic roots rock at the park bandstand!

Be awestruck wondering how the athletes manage even to lift that telephone pole-sized caber, let alone place it accurately. Athletes compete in traditional Highland game events both days on the field beyond the little road.

Thrill to bagpipes in the open air. Feel proud of Hawaii's own musicians such as the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, the Isle of Maui Pipe Band, Maui Dreams, the Royal Hawaiian Band, Celtic Waves, and Lisa Gomes.

Shop. Buy some Celtic jewelry, a t-shirt, a pair of kilt hose, something tartan, or a tin of canned haggis. Is it time to be measured for a kilt in the Vendors' Tent?

Compare how talented young Highland dancers do the Highland Fling or the Sword Dance. Many are here from Scotland and elsewhere to compete for medals on the Highland dance stage under the trees near the athletic field. Talk to them and their families.

Run for the fun of it in the kilted mile even if you have to borrow a kilt. Or throw a frying pan in the women's events. Register at the Athletic Table.

Research your clan or your own family history. Learn about Scotland's history in the Clan Tent. Ask questions of people at the tables or people walking past. There's lots of Scottish knowledge here.

Sway gracefully watching the dancers of a hula halau—one performing each day on the main stage. This Festival has "Hawaiian" in its name and on its stage!

Play games or leave the children to play—as loudly as they want—in the children's activity section. Scottish-themed games might involve the monster Nessie or a big castle.

Relax in the shade with a cup of tea and a scone from the Tea Tent. Sit in the Hospitality Tent to eat a full meal from one of the food vendors.

Consider taking up dancing as a hobby. Watch the Scottish or Irish dancers on the main stage and join a mini dance class at the auxiliary stage in the Vendor's tent.

Time travel. Watch a medieval battle fought by lavishly costumed re-enactors.

Be a fan. Listen again to performers who make a second appearance on the auxiliary stage.

People-watch. Admire (or smile) at how creatively local folks and visitors express their Scottish heritage with their clothing and the clothing of their children and dogs.

Take a turn minding the Caledonian table in the Clan Tent. Chat with fellow Caledonians helpers. Offer to spell someone or register for a shift in advance by phoning or e-mailing Jackie Phillips, 621-6622 or jlphill1@hawaiiantel.net

Enter the drawing to win donated Scottish items.

Congratulate yourself on having had such a good Scottish day in the pleasant open air at the foot of Diamond Head. And you didn't pay a thing for entry to this Festival!





Wee Local Scottish Bits

SERG DEADLINE

Do you know a young person who might do a project on a Scottish theme next summer if he or she had a little financial help? Please tell that person the **deadline** for application for the **2012 Society SERG grant is March 24, 2012**. This grant of up to \$2,500 may be awarded to a young person between 18 and 26 years old to do a project related to Scotland or Scottish culture. In 2011 the grant went to a group of drama students from Mid-Pacific Institute, who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August. See the Society website for more information and an application form.

SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you taken any photographs at recent Society events? Or do you have good photos of Scottish subjects or Society members? Would you be willing to share them for the newsletter, the website, or Society archives? If so, please contact Lillian Cunningham lillianc@hawaii.edu or 538-7707.

BURNS NIGHT ON KAUAI

On February 4, 2012, the Rotary Club of West Kauai sponsored a Burns Night at Waimea Plantation Cottages. This event included a silent auction and was a benefit for high school scholarships. The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii were major entertainers for the evening and some individual pipers and drummers performed dramatic readings. Chieftain Bruce McEwan brought greetings to the Kauai event from Oahu and The Caledonian Society.

LOST GLASSES

One pair of glasses was found at the Oahu Country Club after Burns Night. Claim from Bruce McEwan mewanb001@hawaii.rr.com or 538-7707.

PARADE?

Our Irish cousins will parade through Waikiki on Saturday, March 17. Would anyone like to wear tartan and march with a group of Scots in the St. Patrick's Day parade? Contact Bruce McEwan mewanb001@hawaii.rr.com or 538-7707 to volunteer.

FLAG GUY

Mahalo to member **Tory Laitila**, who has recently offered to help the Society tend to our flags and banners. He will see that our set of flags is complete, properly stored, and ready to use when needed.

DANCING ON RAINBOW ISLANDS

The Hawaii Branch of RSCDS (Royal Scottish Country Dance Society) annually hosts a weekend of Scottish Country Dance instruction and parties on Presidents' Day weekend. Guests attend to dance here with local dancers, a guest instructor, and a band from the Bay Area called "The Humuhumunukunua'ia and Strathspey Society Band." The 2012 weekend theme welcomed guests to Hawaii as "Rainbow Islands."

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 2012

Membership Secretary Barbara Coons and her assistants have greeted the new year with an updated Society membership list. The new list shows **210 members** in good standing, including both Life and Annual members. (The Society no longer offers Life memberships.)



Scottish Humor

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Age Priority

Willie and Jeannie McCotton were getting on in years but still liked to go out to smart restaurants on special occasions. So to celebrate the 65th birthday of their first son, they took a taxi to the up-market Pompadour Restaurant in Edinburgh's Caledonian Hotel. But as they hadn't made a reservation, they were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. Willie McCotton frowned and addressed the head waiter: *"Young man, we're both 90 years old. We may not have 45 minutes."* They were seated immediately.

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## Healthy Living

A recent study by a Scottish university claims that elderly people who drink beer or wine at least four times a week have the highest bone density. The report goes on to say that they need that extra bone density - they're the ones falling down the most....

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Good Exercise?

Geordie's grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old and the family don't know where the blazes she is....

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## Healthy Living

At long last Donald responded to all the government propaganda about losing weight and exercising. So he joined a health club, believing that the annual fee of £400 would be well worth it. Six months later he was talking to one of his drinking buddies (he had cut down on that to just four times a week) and commented that he hadn't lost a pound. His friend, who knew the background, shook his head and observed: *"But Donald, you actually have to go there - paying £400 only lightens your wallet."*

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