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Robbie Burns Tea February 7th

Tea for Two, Plus A Hundred

The next big event for the Montreat Scottish Society is the Annual Robbie Burns Tea on Saturday, February 7, 2004, from 2 to 4:30 pm. A highlight of the winter season, the tea will be held at the home of Susanne and Bill McCaskill, 114 John Knox Rd., Montreat.

A festive gathering, the tea features a piper, ode to the haggis, Scottish decorations, traditional pastries and lots of fellowship.

Although Scottish attire is not required, many attending will be proudly wearing their colorful tartans. Ann Vinson is serving as chairman of the event this year.

There is no charge to attend the

event. While reservations are not required, it would help to let us know if you are planning on attending. You can drop us a note at Montreat Scottish Society, Robbie

Burns Tea, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757 or by calling Bill or Susanne McCaskill at (828) 669-8101.

If you would like to help in food preparation, serving, setup or cleanup for

the tea, please leave a message for Ann Vinson at (828) 669-2975.



Second Annual Scottish Gala Set for Biltmore Forest CC

Members of the Montreat Scottish Society will gather on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the Biltmore Forest Country Club for the second Annual Scottish Gala.

The host for the evening is society and club member David Cogburn, while Bill McCaskill is chairman of the event. At present, there is only a waiting list for cancellations. The Society has the entire club this year, allowing expansion of attendance to the maximum allowed of 150 people.

A black-tie or formal Scottish attire evening, the Gala features a reception, welcoming piper at the country club, sit-down dinner, entertaining presentations and music by the Montreat Scottish Pipe Band.

The featured guest speakers will be Flora MacDonald Gammon and her Scottish-born husband John Dahl, who will give us the "Ode to the Haggis."

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Donald McDonald (below left) gives the Ode to the Haggis at last year's Gala, while host Dr. David Cogburn (right) observes.



Dues Reminder

It's time to join or renew your annual membership in the Montreat Scottish Society (MSS). We cordially invite all who love Scottish traditions and heritage to join.

The annual suggested minimum MSS donations are:

- ★ \$15 for an individual or
- ★ \$25 a couple.

To figure out whether you are up-to-date in your membership, look at the your address label.

Numbers indicate the year through which you have paid. For example 03 means your dues are paid through this year.

Some receive the newsletter on a temporary basis — these are denoted by T1, T2, T3 (temporary circulation list of 2001, 2002 or 2003). Anyone with a T1 or T2 needs to join to continue receiving the newsletter.

Complimentary copies of the newsletter are denoted by the letter C.

MSS supports a number of activities each year, including:

- ★ Annual Kirkin
- ★ Support for Montreat Scottish Pipe Band;
- ★ Robbie Burns Tea
- ★ Grandfather Mountain Highland Games tent
- ★ MSS Newsletter
- ★ Scottish Gala and more!

Sign Up for Email Distribution

You can receive the MSS newsletter by e-mail in a pdf format. You will receive it quicker, get more information and save the Society printing and postage costs. To sign up, write to vinson@solutionscompanies.com and give Ron Vinson your email address, name and regular address. Thank you.

2004 Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Montreat Will Feature Dr. Pete Peery of Asheville

The Reverend Dr. Pete Peery, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Asheville (*pictured in middle*), will be the preacher for the 23rd Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at Anderson Auditorium in Montreat at 11 am on Sunday, May 30th, 2004.



Montreat Scottish Society Chaplain, the Rev. Stratton Peacock is chairing this year's program.

The Montreat Scottish Pipe Band will give a concert on the Auditorium lawn at 10:15 am



The Montreat Scottish Pipe Band gives a concert (right) at the 2003 annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Montreat.

and will lead the procession of almost 100 tartan banners into the sanctuary to open the service.

At present there are 114 tartans in the Montreat Scottish Society's collection. Those that donated the banners are invited to carry them. However, we always need volunteers to assist in carrying tartans in the Kirkin'. More information will be provided in our Spring newsletter.

MSS Board for 2003-2004

The Montreat Scottish Society officers and board members for the current year are:

		Term Expires
President	Jack McCaskill	2004
President-Elect	Bob Neil	2004
Treasurer	Bill McCaskill*	2005
Secretary	Ann Vinson	2005
Chaplain	Stratton Peacock	2004
Editor	Jim Crook	2004
Board Members at-large		
	Horace Deudney	2005
	Alice Starkey	2005
MSS Founders*	Betty Tilley	permanent
	Susanne McCaskill	permanent

Area Feature

The Highland Grill

by Jim Crook

It was a delightful lunch I shared recently with Patrick Anderson, owner and operator of the *Highland Grill and Oyster Bar*. Several MSS members have visited this new restaurant in the Village of Cheshire, on Rte. 9 about 1/2 mile past the Ingles Shopping Center. If you wear a kilt, sash or tartan tie on Mondays, you receive a 10% discount.

I found the atmosphere inviting and my host most gracious. Here is what I learned:

Patrick: My wife, Aubree, and I are from Hot Springs, NC. After operating a white water rafting company there for several years, we decided to open a restaurant, *Paddler's Pub & Grill*, as well. It turned out so well, we began searching for a location to open a second eating establishment and ... our search led us to Black Mountain. We immediately fell in love with the area and especially The Village of Cheshire. Thus, *Highland Grill and Oyster Bar* was born.

JRC: *I'm sure our MSS members would like to hear how you chose Scottish themes for your decor.*

Patrick: My family is a part of the very large Clan Anderson. I grew up in this tradition. My wife's background has Clans McGregor and LaMotte.

JRC: *Tell us about your menu.*

Patrick: Our chef, Jeffrey Thomas, is a graduate of Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute in Charleston, SC, and is well schooled in low country cooking. We are serving gourmet lunch and dinner daily, offering wild game, seafood, chicken, beef and pork, many fresh salads — a wide variety of wines and beers — and soup and sandwiches.

Our wild game entrees offer bison steaks, elk tenderloin and venison, some produced on ranches near here.

Open: Lunch & Dinner full menu
11 am - 10 pm, all days

Specialty Nights: Monday - Scottish; Tues. - Wild Game; Wed. Surf & Turf; Thur. - Wine Tasting; Fri. - Prime Rib. The 1st Thursday each month features a 5-course dinner with accompanying wine (sitting at 6 pm, reservations required)
Beginning Dec. 7th, a brunch will be offered each Sunday.

Phone/Res.: (828) 669-9020

Highland
Grill



& Oyster Bar

2nd Scottish Gala Already Sold Out

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Flora will deliver a humorous and informative program on Scottish history and traditions. She has performed across the U.S. and in Scotland. She is a treasure trove of Scottish songs and tunes.

Because of the success of last year's function, the Society has reserved the entire club, allowing us to increase reservations up to 150 people for the reception and sit-down dinner. The cost for the Gala is \$65 per person.

To be placed on the waiting list, write to Montreat Scottish Society, Annual Gala, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757.

Some Jan./Feb. Dates in Scottish History

Jan 7, 1451 Pope Nicolas IV issues Papal Bull to create Glasgow University.

Jan. 14, 1872 The famous dog Greyfriars Bobby died. The faithful Skye terrier had stayed by his master's grave for 14 years, following his death. The Edinburgh statue of Greyfriars Bobby was unveiled in November 1873.

Jan 16, 1707 The Treaty of Union of Scottish and Westminster Parliaments was ratified. Crowds in the streets burned copies of the treaty, and some threw stones.

Jan. 19, 1736 James Watt was born. A mathematical instrument maker, Watt developed the steam engine, invented the condensor and the copying machine.

Jan. 25, 1759 Poet Robert Burns was born.

On this day in 1915, Ewan MacColl, Scottish folk singer-songwriter-playwright was born. He wrote Roberta Flack's best known hit, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face."

Feb. 4, 1818 Sir Walter Scott supervised the rediscovery of the Honours of Scotland, the Scottish Crown Jewels, in Edinburgh Castle. The jewels consist of a sword, crown and sceptre. The three items were first used together during the coronation of Mary, Queen of Scots and last used for the coronation of Charles II in 1651.

Feb. 5, 1846 John Boyd Dunlop, who patented the first practical pneumatic tyre, was born in Ayrshire.

Feb. 8, 1587 Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringay Castle. Mary had been imprisoned in England for the best part of twenty years.

Feb. 10, 1868 David Brewster, scientist and inventor of the kaleidoscope died. He originally intended the kaleidoscope as a scientific tool but it soon started a craze as a toy, as did his next invention, the 3-D stereoscope.

Feb. 24 1923 The world famous steam train, the Flying Scotsman, went into service non-stop between London and Edinburgh. It was the first steam train to reach the speed of 100 mph.

2004 Calendar

January-July

February 7

Robbie Burns Tea

March 27

2nd Annual Scottish Gala

May 29

Annual Montreat Scottish Society Meeting

May 30

Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Montreat

July 3

Independence Day Parade in Montreat

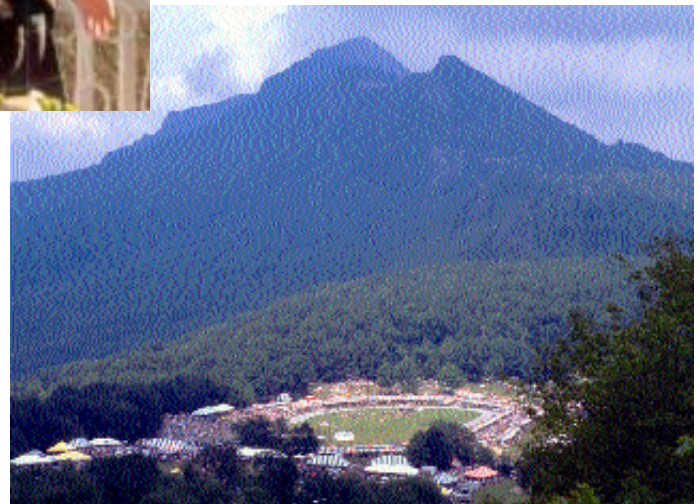
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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games



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At the 2001 Robbie Burns Tea in Montreat, Brown McCallum performed the Ode to the Haggis (left). Grandfather Mountain Highland Games publicity photo is shown below. (photo by Hugh Morton)



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