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Montreat Scottish Society

Society prepares full 2005 calendar, redesigns website, supports Kirkin'

The Montreat Scottish Society wrapped up a full year of activities, including helping many churches throughout the Southeast conduct Kirkin' o' the Tartans.

The Society's web site has been redesigned to include more information and graphics. The website is at www.montreatscottish.org.

The new design works best with broadband cable or DSL connections. A reduced graphics version of the website will be implemented in late November for those using a dial-up connection only

(www.montreatscottish.org/dialup.htm).

The new website features pictures and tartan wallpaper for computer desktops, tartan and clan information, Scottish recipes, appearance updates for the Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums, This Day in Scottish History and much more info on all Society activities.

The Robbie Burns Tea will be held Saturday, February 5, 2005, from 2 - 4:30 p.m. at the home of Bill and Susanne McCaskill in Montreat. All are invited to this free event, including guests and prospective members. Ann Vinson is chairing the event preparations.

The Scottish Gala will be held March 12 at the Country Club of Asheville.

On Memorial Day Weekend 2005, the Society will hold its annual meeting and luncheon buffet on Saturday, May 28, with the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday, May 29, 2005. The Rev. James Wood, founder of the Wears Valley Ranch for children in Sevierville, TN, will be the guest minister.



Scottish Gala To Start Reservations List

Scottish Gala invitations will be mailed after Thanksgiving to members who are current in their dues.

Because of limited seating, only Society members and guests — who must join the Society — will be able to attend the Gala, scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Country Club of Asheville. The formal black-tie or Scottish attire affair has sold out quickly for the two previous functions.

The Gala is sponsored by the Society and chaired by Bill and Susanne McCaskill.



MSS former President Jack
McCaskill and former Chaplain
Stratton Peacock address the annual meeting, above. The Montreat
Scottish Pipes & Drums, plus the
Blue Ridge Brass, help open the
2004 Grandfather Mountain
Highland Games (left).



2005 Calendar

February 5 (Saturday) 2 - 4:30 pm

Robbie Burns Tea, Montreat

February 14 (Monday) 7 pm

MSS co-sponsors Kyiv Youth Orchestra & Chorus

Concert at Montreat; tickets: Montreat College Bookstore

March 12 (Saturday)

Scottish Gala, Country Club of Asheville

May 28 (Saturday)

Annual Meeting/Montreat Scottish Society

May 29 (Sunday)

Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Montreat

July 4 (Monday)

Independence Day Parade in Montreat

July 7 - 10 (Thursday - Sunday)

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

If you are interested in starting a Kirkin' o' the Tartan for your church, you can contact Bill McCaskill for how-to information.

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Dues

We cordially invite all who love Scottish traditions and heritage to join. The annual suggested minimum donations for the Montreat Scottish Society (MSS) are:

★ \$15 for an individual or

 \star \$25 a family.

We are accepting 2005 dues. To figure out whether you are up-to-date in your membership, look at the your address label below. For example, 04 means your dues are paid through this year.

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