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Society Celebrates 25th Anniversary: 2006 Scottish Gala & Robbie Burns Tea

The Montreat Scottish Society will kick off its 25th Anniversary celebration at the Scottish Gala scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Assembly Inn in Montreat.

The Inn will be turned into a Scottish castle for the evening black-tie or formal Scottish attire event.

A registration form for the Scottish Gala is included in this newsletter. A separate invitation will be mailed after the holidays to members who are current in their dues. The cost for the Gala is \$70 per person for members; \$90 per person for non-members.

Because of limited seating, the sooner you send your reservation in with your check will help insure that you will be a part of this event. Also, please send in the names of the attendees so that we can properly prepare nametags and seating cards.

The formal black-tie or Scottish attire affair has sold out quickly for the three previous functions.

You can check the mailing label to see if you are up-to-date on your Society dues. An "06" near your name on the label indicates that your dues are paid through 2006 (05 means through 2005, and 04 indicates 2004). If you are not current with your dues for 2006, then



Enjoying the 2005 Gala were (left to right): Will Wharton, Andi Eglinton, Elisabeth Wharton and Dan Eglinton.

please remit your dues (\$25 a couple; \$15 individual) with your payment for the Gala.

Since it will be the 25th Anniversary of the Montreat Scottish Society, special guests and dignitaries have been invited to attend and be honorary members.

The Gala is chaired by Ann & Ron Vinson, with committee members: Gay & David Cogburn, Andi & Dan Eglinton, Susanne & Bill McCaskill, Anne & Bill Jackson.

The Gala will open with a 6 p.m. reception. New this year will be a silent auction during the reception period featuring fine wines, a spa visit, Scottish foods, golf packages and much more! The Gala dinner will start at 7 p.m. and will feature a Scottish surf 'n turf — Atlantic Salmon and a Beef Fillet.

2006 Robbie Burns Tea

The annual Robbie Burns Tea will be held in a new location this year — Andi and Dan Eglinton will host the February 4, 2006, afternoon event from 2 -



4:30 p.m. in their Biltmore Forest home at 8 Greenwood Place, Asheville. The 2006 Tea is chaired by Eleanor Flowers.

Celebrating the birthdate of Scotland's poet laureate, Robert Burns, the tea is free. Pipers from the Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums and Martha Chasteen on the piano will provide afternoon entertainment.

Scottish Saturdays at the Movies

A series of movies and dinners will be featured this winter on the second Saturday of January, February and March at a new "Scottish Saturday at the Movies" in Montreat for society members and guests.

A potluck dinner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by a movie highlighting some Scottish theme or individuals around 7:30 pm. The location will be selected based on the number of people indicating that they are attending.

If you intend to attend, or are interested in getting more information about Scottish Saturday, and wish to vote on the movie selection, contact Ron Vinson at (828) 669-2975 or by e-mail at rv102dsl@bellsouth.net. Or fill out the enclosed form. We need an indication of attendance at least 1 week prior to each event. Everyone is invited! We will provide the popcorn!

January 14, 2006 Brigadoon (1954 Musical)

One of America's most beloved musicals, *Brigadoon* (1954), the Lerner and Loewe musical by director Vincente Minnelli shows anything is possible: a village can reappear for only one day each century, and Gene Kelly can tap-dance on a dirt path. Kelly and Van Johnson play a pair of New Yorkers who go on a hunting vacation in the highlands of Scotland.

For the two movies on February 11 & March 11, we want you to vote among the following choices —

Chariots of Fire (1981 Sports Drama)

The come-from-behind winner of the 1981 Oscar for best picture, *Chariots of Fire* is a tale of true determination and inspiration. The heroes are an unlikely pair who ran for Great Britain in the 1924 Paris Olympics: devout Protestant (Scottish) Eric Liddell, and Jewish Harold Abrahams, who has to surmount the institutional hurdles of prejudice.

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1969 Drama)

Maggie Smith won an Academy Award for her delicately textured portrayal of an eccentric teacher at an exclusive Scottish girl's school. Miss Jean exhorts her "gels" to follow their hearts and never lose their youthful idealism.

Rob Roy (1995 Drama)

A stirring historical drama in which Liam Neeson's kilted warrior finds himself locked in enmity with John Hurt's Montrose. Best is Tim Roth's foppish yet dastardly Cunningham and Jessica Lange's sensuous Mary in a film unjustly overshadowed by *Braveheart*.

Bonnie Scotland — Laurel & Hardy (1935 Comedy)

Stan and Ollie stowaway to Scotland expecting to inherit the MacLaurel estate. They accidentally join a Scottish regiment bound for India in this comedy classic that was the duo's top-grossing film.

Thirty-Nine Steps — Alfred Hitchcock dir. (1935 Mystery)

One of Hitchcock's best British films, featuring the definitive Richard Hannay in Robert Donat, struggling to prove his innocence against the gathering forces of darkness. One of the fast and furious chases includes the famous Forth Bridge sequence.



Book Reviews:

Born Fighting: How The Scots-Irish Shaped America & The Illustrated History of Scotland

The Illustrated History of Scotland

Text by Chris Tabraham, photos by Colin Baxter

Publisher: Oyster Press

May 2004, Hardback: 221 pages plus index

ISBN: 1932573011

A beautiful “coffee table” book with excellent factual content, *The Illustrated History of Scotland* is the rarest of all history books — it is not just fact-filled, but also interesting, readable, and enjoyable with outstanding pictures and maps. It is available from many book stores, online services and many libraries (including the Asheville-Buncombe Public Library).

The Illustrated History of Scotland can be enjoyed on many levels. The book has many highlighted one- and two-page articles that cover interesting elements of Scottish history and culture.

The writing style is clean and crisp, rather than dry and scholarly. It does a lot more than just recite historical facts. It adds some interesting personal observation and commentary, and puts the historical facts into context, commenting on their implications to ordinary Scottish people, and making the historical events seem much more meaningful and relevant.

Author Chris Tabraham has impeccable credentials to write such a book. He has a degree in ancient and medieval history and archeology, and is the Principal Inspector of Ancient Monuments for Scotland. Photographer Colin Baxter is widely published and his work makes a notable contribution to the look and feel of this book.

Born Fighting: How the Scots Irish Shaped America

by James Webb

Publisher: Broadway

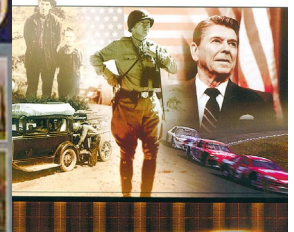
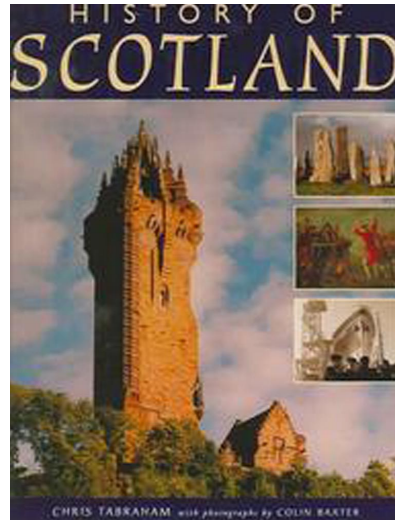
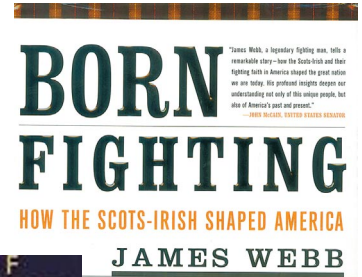
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From Booklist

“In telling the story of the Scots-Irish in America as a robust and passionate tale, novelist Webb writes straightforward, no-nonsense, readable history that clips right along while it is also very personal and highly idiosyncratic about a people who, he claims, are largely invisible — taken for granted — to the general public and who, seldom thinking of themselves in ethnic identity terms, mostly don’t know their culture. Webb maintains that Scots-Irish attitudes form the bedrock of American society, especially among the working class. Scots-Irish culture has produced American presidents from Andrew Jackson

Born Fighting (above) and The Illustrated History of Scotland (left) are just two recent books highlighting Scottish history.



to Bill Clinton, soldiers from Ulysses S. Grant to George Patton, pioneers, preachers, and others whose most common characteristics may be described as fierce individualism, persistent egalitarianism, and a strong sense of personal honor. Perhaps the most visible examples of broad and ongoing Scots-Irish legacy are the fundamentalist Christianity (a potent combination of Scottish Calvinism and headstrong populism) of America's Bible Belt and country music. Webb begins the Scots-Irish saga in Scotland, where, he says, the Scots-Irish character was formed, moves on to the Ulster Scots of what is now Northern Ireland, and follows them to the Appalachians and points beyond as well as through the American Revolution, the Civil War, and up to the present day. Popular history at its finest.”

Golf & Fall Social A Success!

The Montreat Scottish Society (MSS) held its first golf outing and Fall Social on Saturday, September 24.

Closest to the hole prizes were won by Ruth Deudney, Bill Jackson and George Barber.

More than two dozen MSS members attended the Fall Social reception and dinner. “It was a fun golf event, and a pleasurable evening. It’s something you really must put on the must-not-miss list for next year,” observed MSS member Jim Fields.



A Bit o' Scotland You Can Order Online At Our Website

You can enjoy a taste of Scotland, while helping support the Montreat Scottish Society (MSS) by shopping on our web site — www.montreatscottish.org

Anyone who uses the MSS web site to link to and go shopping at Caledonian Kitchen will help the Society. A portion of purchases will go to help the Society fund its non-profit activities.

You can order Edinburgh and Scottish teas and biscuits, lemon and lime curd, and delicious cakes, ranging from single malt whiskey cakes to rum cakes to chocolate bourbon. You can even order haggis which is served at the Gala, as well as palate-pleasing chutneys,

jellies, fudge and much more!
Check it out at the Society's web site.



2006 Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Dr. Samuel Moffett, professor emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary, will be the guest preacher at the 2006 Kirkin' on Sunday, May 28, 2006, in Montreat's Anderson Auditorium.

He served as a Presbyterian missionary in China and then in Korea for several decades before returning to

the United States to teach at Princeton Seminary. He is the author of several books, including *A History of Christianity in Asia*.

This will be the 25th Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan held by the Society. Activities will begin at 10:15 a.m. with a Pipin' o' the Green outdoor concert performed by the Montreat Scottish Pipes and Drums. At 11 a.m., the worship service will begin. Mark your calendar!

Pastor Nominating Form for the Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Montreat Scottish Society

For 2007 and future years, the Montreat Scottish Society will be using this pastor nominating form. If you have a suggestion, please fill out this form to the best of your ability and mail it to the Society, before February 28, 2006. The Montreat Scottish Society will consider all suggestions, when it makes future selections for preachers at the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan in Montreat each Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for your interest and time.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

Nominated Preacher

Name: _____

Current Position (or retired): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

Why you think this person would be an excellent preacher at the Kirkin' o' the Tartan:

(Please attach a brief one-page bio of the minister that you are nominating.)