



## Montreat Scottish Society Newsletter

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## Sign Up for 2007 Scottish Gala & Program

The 5th MSS Scottish Gala will be held on Saturday evening, April 14th, at a Scottish Castle (Assembly Inn in Montreat complete with banners, torches, flags and other surprise decorations).

The formal Scottish attire or black-tie event begins at 6 p.m. with an open bar reception and hors d'oeuvres (poached and smoked Salmon and more), plus a silent auction. Toasts and the Address to the Haggis will begin about 7 p.m., followed by a fabulous dinner highlighting individual Beef Abernethy entrees (aka Beef Wellington), wines and a special musical program.

Be sure to plan on attending! Costs are \$70 per person for Society members, or \$90 for each non-member.

The evening's program, *Wayfaring Strangers*, will feature Doug and Darcy Orr with a unique musical presentation about the connection between the music

of Scotland and Appalachia. The Orr's are working on a new book, tentatively titled *Wayfaring Strangers*, being planned with NPR's host of *The Shamrock & Thistle*, Fiona Ritchie. Darcy will edit the book, while Doug and Fiona are co-authors. Doug retired last year as president of Warren Wilson College.

This year's Silent Auction will feature an antique Scottish map, books, jewelry, unique wines and much more!

The Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums and pianist Martha Chasteen will provide music during the reception.



## New Montreat/MSS Cookbook Being Planned

Ten years ago, the last copies of the MSS cookbook, *Inside the Gate*, sold out.

The Society is planning another cookbook to be printed and distributed this fall. A perfect gift or addition to your kitchen library, the new MSS cookbook will benefit the Montreat Conference Center, with proceeds going toward new draperies for Anderson Auditorium and other needed MRA projects.

We need recipes submitted by May 31st to Susanne McCaskill, Montreat Scottish Society, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757.

We will identify the submitter of each of the 500 recipes published in the book. You can make a pre-publication order to save on the cookbook's cost.

Pre-publication orders received by July 6 will be \$11 per book; pre-publication orders received after July 6 and before September 6 will cost \$13 a book. The actual cookbook price will be \$16 a copy for orders after Sept. 7. Checks for cookbooks may be sent to

the MSS at our post office. Orders and recipes will be taken during the Kirkin' weekend, May 26-27.

### The Best Of The Barn Novelty Dance Night

**WHAT:** Come learn some of the novelty dances featured on the "Best of the Barn" CD. These are dances not often taught during the summer.

**WHEN:** Friday night, March 30th.

**TIME:** 7:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Assembly Inn,

Convocation Hall, Montreat, NC

**WHO:** Anyone who likes to learn new dances as well as dance the old favorites. Join MSS Members Glenn and Evelyn Bannerman to learn the dances and have fun!

**Cost:** A basket will be available for donations to support the **Annual Recreation Workshop** that is held in Montreat, May 7 - 12, 2007.

For additional information call or email Glenn & Evelyn Bannerman, 828-669-7323; glenn.evelyn@att.net

## Scenes from the 2007 Robbie Burns Tea

More than 80 members and interested guests attended the 2007 Robbie Burns Tea held at Susanne and Bill McCaskill's home on February 3rd. Chaired by Ann

Vinson, the tea committee and helpers included: Gladys Brooks, Carol Cauthen, Tommie Hays, Susan Neville, Charlie & Shirley Mitchell, (list others).



*From left to right pictures: Shirley Mitchell, Barbara Sneed, Wanda and George Barber, and Gladys Brooks enjoy the tea; Pipe Major Joe Bailey pipes in the baggys; (above) Alice Starkey refills hot tea for server Eleanor Flowers.*

### Interested in Ordering MSS Tartan?

The Board of the Montreat Scottish Society is considering a project — filling a request by the Montreat Conference Center — to recover the panels in the Anderson Auditorium lobby with Montreat Scottish Society tartan.

The Society would have to make a sizeable minimum order of the 5-thread MSS tartan — much more than would be needed for the lobby project — in order to have it manufactured. To make this project possible, we need to know of any interest by MSS members in purchasing the extra tartan fabric. The recommen-



dation of the weaver is a medium-weight polyacrylic. The colorful fabric (*shown, not to scale*) could be used for decorative pillow covers, tablecloths, runners, draperies, etc. The estimated cost of the tartan is \$24 a yard (approx. 60-inches wide) for pre-production orders, and \$32 for orders received after the tartan is manufactured.

If you are interested in placing a pre-production order, please contact: Ron Vinson, through the MSS mail box (MSS, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757) or by phone 828-664-0741 before June 1st to indicate your interest.

### 2007 Dues Notice — See Your Label

If you have paid your dues for 2006 or beyond, the year will be listed above your name on your mailing label. **If NO year is listed**, you may bring your membership back into good standing by sending a check for \$25 for your family (\$15 for an individual) payable to the Montreat Scottish Society at PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757. All monies received will be shown as a 2007 donation for current dues.

If your mailing label indicates that you have paid for 2006, please consider this notice as a reminder to make your payment now for 2007. Please join or renew today. Thank you for supporting the Montreat Scottish Society.

### 2007 MSS Spring Calendar

**April 14th** (Saturday) — **2007 Scottish Gala**, 6 p.m., reception and dinner at Assembly Inn; formal Scottish Attire or Black Tie suggested. Reservations required. See newsletter or web site for details.

**May 26th** (Saturday) — **MSS Annual Meeting** & dinner, 6 p.m., Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn, Montreat. Call 828-669-8101 to let us know you are coming, or send a check to the MSS, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757 (marked annual meeting) for **\$6/per person for dinner** (bar-b-que pork and grilled chicken), **before May 20th**. At the annual meeting, we will elect officers and board members, as well as consider by-law amendments.

**May 27th** (Sunday) — Pipin' o' the Green (10:15 a.m.) & **26th MSS Kirkin' o' the Tartan** (11:00 a.m.) at Anderson Auditorium, Montreat. The guest preacher is The Rev. Jim Simpson, senior pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA, and a native of Scotland. Reservations are suggested for a special luncheon at Assembly Inn following the worship service.

# REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2007 MONTREAT SCOTTISH GALA

Yes, I am attending the **2007 Montreat Scottish Gala on Saturday, April 14, 2007**, in Montreat at Assembly Inn.

Enclosed is my check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$70 per MSS member; \$90 per non-member)

Make checks payable to: Montreat Scottish Society (if a MSS member, please include your 2007 dues if you haven't paid, which are \$15 a person or \$25 for a couple).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check and this form to: Montreat Scottish Society, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757

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## ORDER FORM FOR THE 2007 MSS COOKBOOK

Yes, I am ordering the following copies of the new MSS cookbook being published this fall —

Pre-publication order received before July 6th     \$11 x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of cookbooks) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-publication order received July 7 - Sept. 6th     \$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of cookbooks) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order received after September 6th     \$16 x \_\_\_\_\_ (# of cookbooks) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total check amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check and this form to: Montreat Scottish Society, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757

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## FORM FOR MSS TARTAN FABRIC ORDER

Yes, I am interested in ordering some of the MSS Tartan Fabric, if you proceed with this project. Please contact me for confirmation and order details —

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yardage desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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