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Annual Meeting & Kirkin' Program Set

New officers and board members will be elected at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Montreat Scottish Society on Saturday, May 26.

Starting at 6 pm, there will be a casual dinner at Convocation Hall in Assembly Inn for \$6 per person preceding the annual meeting. The dinner features B-B-Que and Grilled Chicken breasts with all the fixings.

Following dinner, the membership will vote on officers and by-law changes. The meeting is expected to be adjourned by 7:30 pm. Don't miss this important meeting and a great meal!

The 26th annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan kicks off at 10:15 am outside Anderson Auditorium with the Pipin' o' the Green by the Montreat Scottish Pipes & Drums band.

Those wishing to carry tartan banners during the service need to be at the rear of Anderson Auditorium by 10 a.m. There are no reserved banners. Banner carriers are on a first-come basis for any particular tartan.

The guest preacher will be The Rev. Dr. James D. Simpson who was born in Hamilton, Scotland. He is pastor of Northminister Presbyterian Church in Roswell, GA.

Dr. Simpson holds degrees from the University of Dundee, the

University of Aberdeen and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

He served as a parish minister at the Newtonhill and Portlethen churches in Aberdeen, Scotland during 1987-1996.

A special luncheon will follow the Kirkin' at Assembly Inn. Reservations should be made in advance for the luncheon, which costs \$16 per adult, \$8 for children 5 - 11 (contact Judy Smith at 828-669-2911. You also may purchase tickets at the front desk of Assembly Inn on the day of the luncheon.

Montreat Scottish Society President Mary Alice Ramsey with her husband Bob are shown below at the recent Scottish Gala.



Montreat/MSS Cookbook Being Planned

Final call for recipes for the new MSS cookbook — **deadline June 15th.**

The Society is planning a 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 June 15th to Susanne McCaskill, Montreat Scottish Society, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757.

We will identify the submitter of

each of the approximately 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.

Scenes from the 2007 Scottish Gala

The 5th MSS Scottish Gala was held on Saturday evening, April 14th, at a Scottish Castle (Assembly Inn in Montreat complete with banners, torches, flags, ice sculpture and more). There were 100 Gala attendees. The

evening's program featured Doug and Darcy Orr (*right*) with a musical presentation about the connection between the music of Scotland and Appalachia — the concept for a new book being planned with NPR's host of *The Shamrock & Thistle*, Fiona Ritchie.



Order MSS Tartan Now, Help Us Decorate Anderson

The Montreat Scottish Society is ordering Montreat Tartan (5-thread) polyacrylic medium weight fabric to re-cover the panels in the Anderson Auditorium lobby with Montreat Scottish Society tartan.

The colorful fabric (*shown, not to scale*) is for sale. The material could be used for decorative pillow covers, tablecloths, runners, draperies, etc. The cost



of the tartan is \$24 a yard (approx. 60-inches wide) for pre-production orders paid and received prior to July 31st, and \$32 for orders received after that date. We expect the tartan material to be delivered early this fall.

If you are interested in placing a pre-production order, please contact: Ron Vinson, MSS, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757 or by phone 828-664-0741.

2007 Dues Notice

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 or if you have paid only in 2006**, you may bring your membership up to date 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.

2007 MSS Spring/Summer Calendar

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. You can pay at the door 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 24th. 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. Cost \$16 per adult, \$8 for children 6 - 11; free under age 6.

June 8-9th (Friday-Saturday) — Come by the MSS tents at the Greenville, SC, Highland Games at Furman University.

July 4th (Wednesday) — If you want to march with the MSS Pipe & Drum Band and carry a tartan banner with other MSS members, be sure to be at the Library on Lookout Rd., in Montreat, before 9:30 am. Look for Bill McCaskill and the tartan banners!

July 14 - 15th (Saturday & Sunday) — Come by the MSS tents at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at McRae Meadows in Linville at Grandfather Mountain. Rest a spell, and watch the pagentry and the games!

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

**Deadline for recipes to be submitted to Susanne McCaskill is June 15th at the MSS address (above).
Send in your recipes for possible inclusion in the new MSS cookbook and be recognized in a
limited-edition best-seller.**

The cookbook proceeds will benefit the Montreat Conference Center.

ORDER FORM FOR MSS TARTAN FABRIC ORDER

Yes, I am interested in ordering some of the MSS Tartan Fabric (5-thread, approx. 60-inch wide, medium weight polyacrylic).

Pre-production order received before July 31st \$24 x _____ (# of yards) = \$ _____

Order received August 1st \$32 x _____ (# of yards) = \$ _____

Total check amount enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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