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Scottish Saturday at the Movies Kicks Off Society's Winter Season Activities

The second season of Scottish Saturday at the Movies will kick off on Saturday evening, January 13th, at 6 p.m. in Convocation Hall at Assembly Inn.

The free evenings involve a potluck dinner starting at 6 p.m., followed by the movie at 7 p.m. and ending around 9 p.m. About three dozen MSS members, guests and local residents enjoyed each movie last year.

If you are planning on attending, bring either an entree, salad or dessert. Reservations are NOT needed. However, if you have the opportunity, please call Ann or Ron Vinson at (828) 669-2975 or e-mail to rv102dsl@bellsouth.net so we can plan on table setups. Also, let us know what you plan to bring.

Everyone is invited whether you are a MSS member, guest or area resident. We will provide the popcorn for the movie and beverages for the dinner!

After tallying the votes from last fall on the preferred movies, here is this season's movie lineup:

Saturday, January 13th 6 p.m. — Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn

Thirty-Nine Steps — Alfred Hitchcock (1935 Mystery)

The film that brought international fame to Hitchcock, features an innocent man trying to prove his innocence against the gathering forces of darkness. An unlikely pairing results in romantic complications. One of the fast and furious chases includes the famous Forth Bridge sequence. Not Rated: G equivalent. B/W.



Saturday, February 10th 6 p.m. — Upper Anderson, Second floor Anderson Auditorium

The Little Minister (1933)

Based on J. M. Barrie's book, this rarely seen film is set in rural 1840's Scotland. Gavin Dishart arrives to become the

new "little minister" of 'Thrum's' Auld Licht church. He meets a mysterious young gypsy girl (Katherine Hepburn), who helps local weavers rebel



and is more than she seems. This film is not currently available on either DVD or VHS. Come see this sweet moving, love story by the author of Peter Pan! Not Rated: G equivalent. B/W.

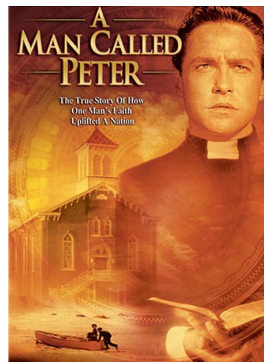
Saturday, March 3rd 6 p.m. — Upper Anderson, Second floor Anderson Auditorium

A Man Called Peter (1955)

True story of a young Scottish lad, Peter Marshall, who dreams of going to sea but finds a different future when called by God to be a minister.

Leaving for America, he eventually becomes a pastor to Presidents and then becomes Chaplain of the U.S. Senate

before his untimely death. Not Rated: G equivalent. Color.



2007 Robbie Burns Tea Scheduled February 3rd

The annual Robbie Burns Tea will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Bill & Susanne McCaskill's home, 114 John Knox Rd., Montreat. The 2007 Tea is chaired by Ann Vinson.

Celebrating the birthdate of Scotland's poet laureate, Robert Burns, the tea is free. A piper and pianist will provide afternoon entertainment.

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 a reception with open bar and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction of Scottish related items. 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) 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 (see the short registration form on page 4).

The evening's program 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 in the research phase of a new book, tentatively titled *Wayfaring Strangers*, based on the same theme as their presentation. The book is 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.

About 120-plus attend each year's Scottish Gala and reservations fill quickly, so be sure to act today!

Last year's Silent Auction featured some 20 items, including Scottish crystal glassware, an 1790s Edinburgh newspaper suitable for framing, a Scottish Pub-in-a-box (glasses, towel and coasters), books, music CDs, jewelry, collectible wines and more more!

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



In Memorium

The Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Jr., passed away in mid-December. He was the seventh president of the Montreat Conference Center, serving from 2000 to 2002. He is survived by his wife, Lenoir.



Our 2007 musical presenters Darcy & Doug Orr performing a couple of years ago (above).

Below are some scenes from last year's Scottish Gala.



New Society Project Being Considered: New Order of MSS Tartan for Anderson Lobby & for Members; Need Your Interest

The Board of the Montreat Scottish Society is considering a project — filling a request by the Montreat Conference Center — to re-cover 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. In order to make this project possible, we need to know of any interest by MSS members in purchasing the extra tartan fabric. The recommendation of the weaver is a medium-weight poly-acrylic. 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.

If there is sufficient interest, we will proceed with the project and confirm pre-production orders.

2007 MSS Board & Officers

The officers and board members serving for the 2006-2007 year are:

President	Mary Alice Ramsey
Past President	Bob Neil
Secretary	Ann Vinson
Treasurer	Bill McCaskill*
Chaplain	John Craven
Newsletter Editor	Ron Vinson
Board Members:	Horace Deudney
	Alice Starkey
	Gladys Brooks
Founder	Susanne McCaskill*
Pipe Master	Joe Bailey
Band Reporter	Kathi Graham
* founders	



Bob & Mary Alice Ramsey

2007 Dues Notice — See Your Label on this issue

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. Should your mailing label not have a date above your name, this newsletter has been sent to you to encourage you to join the MSS and enjoy all of the many activities we conduct.

If your label has no date and you choose not to join, then our spring newsletter, to be mailed in early March will not be sent to you.

Please join or renew today. Thank you for supporting the Montreat Scottish Society.

A Bit o' Scotland Online

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

From Caledonian Kitchen, you can order Edinburgh and Scottish teas and biscuits, lemon and lime curd, delicious cakes, even haggis, chutneys, jellies, fudge and much more!

We will adding new items to order online from Caledonian kitchen by February 1st, so be sure to check it out at the Society's web site.



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 to: Montreat Scottish Society, PO Box 414, Montreat, NC 28757

2007 MSS Winter/Spring Calendar

Jan. 13th (Saturday) — Scottish Saturday at the Movies, 6 p.m., Convocation Hall, Assembly Inn; potluck dinner at 6 followed by 7 p.m. movie — “The 39 Step.” Info 828.669.2975

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Feb. 10th (Saturday) — Scottish Saturday at the Movies, 6 p.m., Upper Anderson, Anderson Auditorium; potluck dinner at 6 followed by 7 p.m. movie — “The Little Minister.” Info 828.669.2975

March 3rd (Saturday) — Scottish Saturday at the Movies, 6 p.m., Upper Anderson, Anderson Auditorium; potluck dinner at 6 followed by 7 p.m. movie — “A Man Called Peter.” Info 828.669.2975

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** to be held in Montreat. Location and time to be announced.

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 Rev. Jim Simpson, senior minister of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA, and a native of Scotland. Reservations for a special luncheon at Assembly Inn are suggested. The luncheon follows the service.

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Jan 13, Feb 10 & March 3
Feb. 3rd — Robbie Burns Tea
April 14th — Scottish Gala
& much more inside!