

St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut

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From the Desk of the President:

While we hear it's spring, I'm awaiting visual confirmation. Perhaps by the time this gets to you, there will be robins and crocus. Connecticut is having its first official Tartan Day Celebration at the New Britain Public Library on Saturday April 4th at 2 pm.

The Society's April meeting for members and friends will be Sunday, April 26th. We'll meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center 405 Main Street in Middlefield. Driving directions to the Community Center appear in the meeting notice area.

Our program will focus on The Tradition of Scottish Gardens. Think spring, think Scotland.

We look forward to seeing you at Society events.

Pam Munro

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Society Election Results 2009

OFFICERS

President	Pamela Munro	Vice President	Ellen Waff
Rec Secretary	Mary Erhler	Corr Secretary	Ken McClen
Treasurer	Peg Limbacher	Asst Treasurer	Bill Waff

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Three years	Maggie Carchrie, Gerald Munro, Rev. Angela Rowley
Two Years	Gayle Wyllie, Walter (Bud) Wyllie, Ron Solan
One Year	Linda Coad, Virginia Morris, Bob Shand

Society Flower of the Forest *February 2009*

Long time member, Charles MacLaughlin, aged 93.





Society April Meeting

2:00 PM Sunday, April 26th 2009

Welcome
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Correspondence
Committee reports
Old Business
New Business

By law changes are recommended; Join the discussion at this April meeting.
Adjournment

Program:

The Tradition of Scottish Gardens

Light refreshments will follow. Bring something to share.

Directions:

From the Southwest

Merge onto I-95 N / GOVERNOR JOHN DAVIS LODGE TURNPIKE toward NEW HAVEN
Merge onto I-91 N via EXIT 48 on the LEFT toward HARTFORD
Take the CT-68 exit- EXIT 15- toward YALESVILLE / DURHAM
Turn RIGHT onto BARNES RD / CT-68. Continue to follow CT-68
Turn LEFT onto SKEET CLUB RD / CT-157. Continue to follow CT-157
Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST / CT-147 / CT-157. Continue to follow MAIN ST / CT-157. 1.1 miles
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT to stay on MAIN ST / CT-157
Look for Community Center sign and turn into upper parking lot at 405 Main St.

From the North

Merge onto I-91 S toward NEW HAVEN / N. Y. CITY
Take the MIDDLE STREET exit.
EXIT 20- toward COUNTRY CLUB RD.
Turn LEFT onto MIDDLE ST.
Turn LEFT onto COUNTRY CLUB RD.
Turn RIGHT onto HIGBY RD. HIGBY RD becomes JACKSON HILL RD.
Turn LEFT onto TOWN HALL RD.
Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST / CT-157.

Look for Community Center sign and turn Left into upper parking lot at 405 Main Street.





Mascot Watch

The Chronicle of Higher Education | August 1, 2008
Carnegie Mellon U.

Nickname: Tartans

New mascot: Scotty, a Scottie dog

What's happening: A professor has opened his home to the frisky pup. The details: After delivering the commencement address in 2007, the comedian Bill Cosby decided to give the Tartans a Scottish terrier to be their first live mascot. The gift would celebrate the Scottie dog's ascension to official mascotdom, ending years of unofficial mascot status.

<http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i47/47a00401.htm>

Words from a Scottish friend

It was nae the Greeks at all

I was invited to do a talk about democracy (at an un-named University) where the class was going on and on about the Greeks. It never fails to amaze me how many people believe or worse yet, are taught that the Greeks brought democracy to the world.

4,000 years before the birth of Christ, and 3,500 years before first Greek decided to break the population into 4 classes The Highlands and Islands were practicing Tanestry, One person one vote (men and women). Chiefs and all persons were elected, and more importantly removed, from office by the vote. It comes from our sense of community, Duthchas, -ais s.m.

Theid duthchas an aghalgh na creag

The place of one's birth, heredity, spirit of the blood visage countenance, hereditary right,
The rights one, everyone, has due to his/her birth.

Dave

An rud a bhois na do bhroin, cha bhi e na do thiomhnadh

That which you have wasted will not be there for future generations.

What is a Quarter-Man?

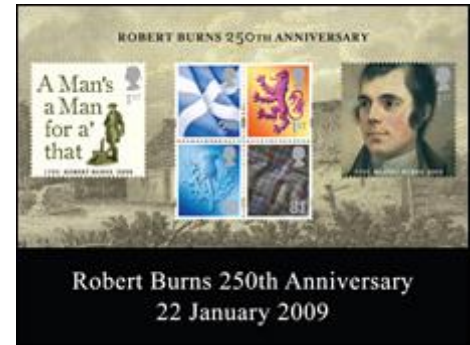
From "Commercial Relations of the United States with Foreign Countries By United States Dept. of State, United States Bureau of Foreign Commerce(1854-1903)" Google Books

"When a boy of twelve years enters a coal-pit, he is attached to his father or some other man, and becomes what is known technically as a "quarter-man." The miner with whom he works is entitled to put out one-fourth more coal than if he wrought without assistance; and from the price he received for this extra quantity he pays the boy, whose duty it is to fill the coal into the "tubs" and convey it to the pit bottom. At fourteen the boy becomes a "half-man;" at sixteen, a "three-quarter-man;" and at eighteen' he assumes the title of miner, performs a man's work, and draws a man's pay. "when" the boy ranks as a " quarter-man," he usually receives one shilling per day ; when a " half-man," two shillings ; and when a " three-quarter-man," three shillings. These rates are, however, subject to variation according to the amount of wages received by the men. From this it will be seen that, when the miner's family includes two or three sons able to go into the pits, the total earnings must amount to a handsome sum"



BBC NEWS Birth of Burns marked with stamps

Stamps marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns have been unveiled by Royal Mail. One of the two new first class stamps depicts the famous Alexander Naismith portrait of Burns. The other celebrates one of the bard's most famous and enduring lines - "A man's a man for a' that". Burns is the only person outside the Royal Family to feature in three special stamp issues, in 1966 and 1996 and now in 2009.



The new Burns miniature sheet of stamps will be available to the public from Thursday. Royal Mail's Ian McKay said: "We are extremely proud at Royal Mail to be celebrating the historic 250th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national poet with a truly striking set of stamps.

"The major significance of Burns, not just in Scotland but around the world, is recognised by the fact that this is the third issue of stamps that has been devoted to him. "The stamps are beautifully designed and we expect them to be very popular with Burns enthusiasts and the general public both at home and abroad." The stamps were launched at the cottage in Alloway where Burns was born 250 years ago on Sunday and will be available throughout the 2009 Year of Homecoming.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/7836303.stm



Burns for the bairns

School pupils from across Scotland are to get the chance to broaden their knowledge of Robert Burns thanks to a special fund being provided by the Scottish Government.

As part of the build up to next year's 250th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's Bard, First Minister Alex Salmond said that plans were being put in place to help Scottish pupils learn more about Burns' life and works. This will include the establishing of a fund to help schools visit the new Burns Heritage Museum being built in Alloway, Ayrshire.

Speaking as the St Andrew's Day celebrations drew to a close, Mr Salmond said:

"Robert Burns is one of Scotland's favourite sons, and as we approach the 250th anniversary of his birth, I am delighted that the Scottish Government can play its part in ensuring the Bard's legacy lives on for generations to come.

"We are contributing £5.5 million towards the National Trust for Scotland's £21 million project to build a world-class Burns Birthplace Museum in Ayrshire.

"And we will now be providing funding support to give school pupils across Scotland the opportunity to visit the new Burns Museum and other major Scottish historic sites.

"I view Burns as the Scot of the Millennium and through the new Museum, through the other Burns-related facilities in Ayrshire and beyond, and through funding support for school visits, we will ensure we preserve his legacy so that future generations can learn more about Scotland's greatest cultural icon."

The new Museum will form the main part of the Burns experience in Alloway, alongside the Birthplace Cottage, the Burns Monument and Gardens, Brig o'Doon, Alloway Auld Kirk and a connecting walkway to all the sites. The project is due for completion in 2010.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/02081218> 02/12/2008



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Event Calendar

Saturday April 4th New England Tartan Day Celebration 2 to 4 pm New Britain
New Britain Public Library 20 High Street New Britain, Connecticut

Saturday April 4th Eleventh Annual NYC Tartan Day Parade steps off at noon

Monday April 6th National Tartan Day www.tartanday.org/

Sunday, April 26th Society April Meeting 2pm Community Ctr 405 Main St. Middlefield, CT

June 2nd Bonnie Brae Highland Games northern NJ

June 13th RI Scottish Games <http://www.riscot.org>

June 27th Round Hill Scottish Games www.roundhill.org

July 18th Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival www.glasgowlands.org/

August 8th Cape Cod Scottish Festival www.CapeCodScottishFestival.org

August 15th Maine Games www.mainehighlandgames.org

August 22nd Long Island Scottish Games www.liscots.org

Check the Society website for updates www.sasct.org

Picnic Site Search

The Society is looking for a site for a Sunday, June 28th picnic. If you have a yard or know of a park that is suitable for about 25 to cook hamburgers and enjoy fresh air let us know. Swimming would be a plus but not required. Contact: ewaff@comast.net



SAVE THE DAY

26th Annual Scottish Festival Saturday October 3rd 2009
Goshen Fair Grounds Goshen, Connecticut

Your hour or two will get us through.
Opportunities to assist will follow.

Scottish Phrases

From *The Original Patter* by Michael Munro

As high as a kite- excited, full of high spirits.

"The weans're always as high as kites the day before the holidays."

Up to high doh- Over-excited or full of nervous tension.

"Thank Goad ye're back. The aul wife's up tae high doh."

You'll get yer face in yer hands (to play with)- You will be severely punished.

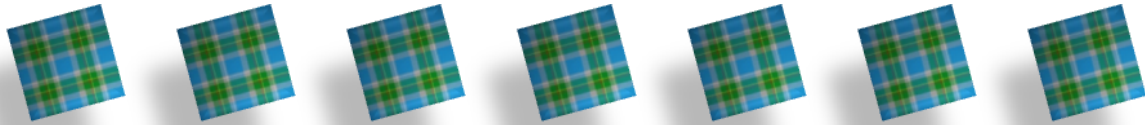
"If your homework's not done by tomorrow you'll get your head in your hands."

Do you think I came up the Clyde on a bike?- Do you think I'm daft?

Alternative forms of river transport include banana boat and wheel barrow

Do you think my head buttons up the back?- Do you take me for a fool?





Tartan Day

Created to commemorate the Scottish contribution
to the founding and growth of the United States of America.

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of this country. However not until 1997 was this influence recognized by a single-year U.S. Senate Resolution that appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 1997. In 1998 National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed **Senate Resolution 155** recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill **House Resolution 41** which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. The passage of this bill was due to the work of the **National Capital Tartan Committee, Inc.**, and president James Morrison. National Tartan Day www.tartanday.org/

Governor M. Jodi Rell has proclaimed April 6th 2009 Tartan Day in Connecticut

Join the celebration Saturday 4/4 from 2 to 4 pm at the main branch of the
New Britain Public Library 20 High Street New Britain, Connecticut

From <http://www.newenglandtartanday.com> Thank you Dianne Bergstedt, FSA Scot

The [Library of Congress](#) has the full texts of House and Senate Resolutions for the annual observance of Tartan Day on April 6. The following links will take you to the Senate and House Resolutions regarding National Tartan Day: [Senate Resolution 155](#) [House Resolution 41](#)

Featured highlight from the nearly 1500 word Scottish Declaration of Arbroath 1320 A.D.

*...for, as long as but a hundred of us remain alive,
never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule.
It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are
fighting, but for freedom — for that alone,
which no honest man gives up but with life itself.*

Here are some additional links for further information:

[Declaration of Arbroath \(English\) www.constitution.org/scot/arbroath.htm](http://www.constitution.org/scot/arbroath.htm)
in the original Latin www.geo.ed.ac.uk/home/Scotland/arbroath_latin.html
Photo of the Declaration of Arbroath www.alba.org.uk/timeline/declaration.html

