

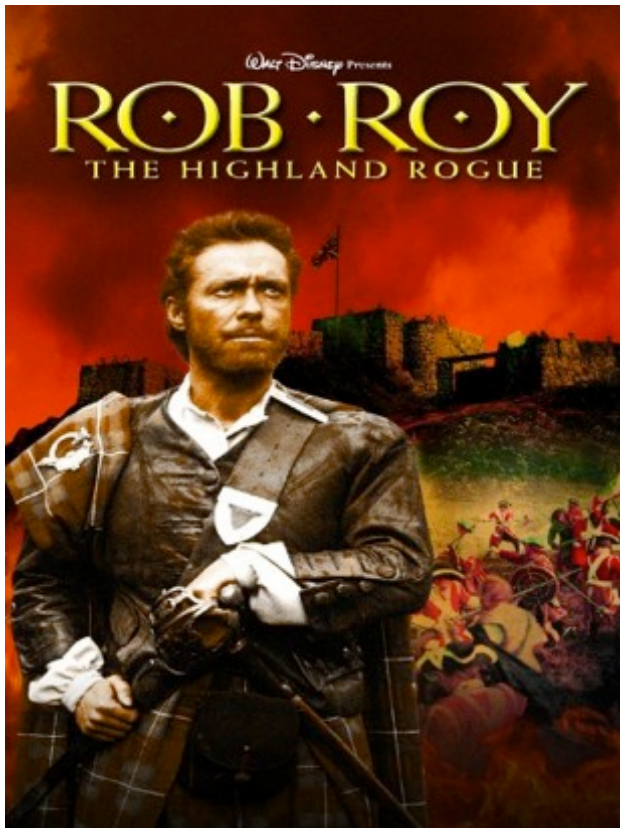
# HEATHER BELL

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALEDONIAN & ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF SEATTLE

Volume #109 Issue # 12

[www.caledonians.com](http://www.caledonians.com)

April 2011



## MOVIE NIGHT

**Entertainment** this month will be a Scottish movie! We will be presenting "Rob Roy, the Highland Rogue", starring Richard Todd, Glynis Johns, and James Robertson Justice, directed by Harold French. This movie, made in 1954, runs 81 minutes. We plan to show it on our overhead screen so everyone can see. The movie tells the story of the Highland leader, Rob Roy MacGregor, who, after the 1715 defeat of the clans, becomes enough of a nuisance to George I to be outlawed and hunted by the English.

## TEA

Thank you to Margaret Russell for bringing tea treats in February; her name was inadvertently left out in last month's Heatherbell. And thank you for those who brought tea in March: Kim Cambern, Victoria Vegors, Kathy Bowie, Nancy Rasmussen, Shelley Butchart, Philip Junkins, Fraser MacLeod, Michelle Seaton, Tommy Laing, Jim Van Zee, and Diana Smith. We will need tea volunteers for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, too, so please contact Victoria if you can help out.

---

## NEXT GATHERING

*Friday, April 8th*

Meeting: 7:30pm

Entertainment: 8:00pm

Tea: 8:45pm

---

## A Letter from the Editor: **DIANA SMITH**

Happy Easter, everyone! We had a fun gathering last month, with the Tara Irish dancers entertaining us. We've had them before and have always enjoyed seeing the students, from the tiny tots on up, dance Irish jigs and do hard shoe dancing. The lasses' dresses are beautiful, all hand-embroidered, in the traditional style. The Tara Academy of Irish Dancing was founded in 1994 by Julie

and Sara Raney, and now involves their entire family. They teach at the Tara Academy dance studio on Greenwood Ave. North. (taraacademy.com)

We had a lovely tea, which included bangers (compliments of Tommy Laing) and some delicious desserts. This month we'll be presenting a Scottish

movie, "Rob Roy, the Highland Rogue". I hope you can all join us for this. And don't forget Tartan Day on April 6. If you can do it, meet in the rotunda of the state capitol in Olympia at noon for a celebration of the Scottish contributions to America. Please wear tartan.

Diana

---

## **MAY**

May is Men's Month, in honor of Mother's Day! So, all you lads, sign up for tea! Please let Victoria Johnson know if you can bring treats.

## **SUNSHINE**

**Sunshine report** - Bonnie sent no cards this month. As always, please let Bonnie know if you know someone who is ill or hospitalized so she can send a card.

## **HUMOUR**

A tipsy Englishman stood up in a Scottish bar and addressed the drinkers within. "I was born an Englishman," he bellowed. "I was raised an Englishman, I married an Englishwoman, and I'll die an Englishman." It was then that a Scotsman stood up at the back and shouted back, "Hoots, mon, have ye' no ambition?"

---

## **TARTAN DAY**

A National Tartan Day Observance Ceremony is being organized by the National Tartan Day Society of Washington; Ceremony takes place at the State Capitol, Olympia WA at noon. Bob Parrish 253-566-8215, chairman@tartanday.wa.org; Chuck Cook 253-472-7252. There will be pipers, flying of the Saltire at the State Capitol, and addresses about the Scottish contribution to America.

A Scotsman was in London and was amazed at the number of pigeons flying around. "Och, what do those birds live on?" he asked his English friend. "Oh, scraps of food that people throw away," said his friend. "I see," said the Scotsman. "I wonder why we don't get birds like that in Scotland?"

---

## A Letter from our President: **DON MOORE**

I am happy to say that we are trying some new things. We are no longer the “ex-pats” club we were in 1903 and the world is changing around us faster than we can keep up. I’m not saying that we are doing the wrong things. I’m saying that we need to experiment and discover those things that both attract and engage our members as well as fulfill the objectives stated in our charter. The three events listed below each break the mold slightly and they may not all be successful. From them we hope to learn a little more about what our constituency enjoys and what things we can do to be an active, contributing cultural organization in Seattle.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> our entertainment will be a feature length film called *Rob Roy, the Highland Rogue*. It is a mid 50s co production of the Disney Company and while it may play a little loosely with history it is likely to be more accurate than not. In addition to the usual evening Tea, we will serve Pop Corn. It seemed only appropriate to have pop corn with a movie.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we will hear musical

excerpts from a musical that our own Bill Clarke has written based on *The Pirate* by Sir Walter Scott. Bill and a collaborator are currently working on the dialogue that connects the songs and we will hear some of those songs performed for the first time at the May Gathering.

Next year, a Scottish History study group is planned. Board member Kim Cambern has acquired a set of DVDs of the 10 part “History of Scotland” produced by the BBC. The series is very highly respected and was considered a “must watch” during its initial broadcast run in Scotland. The study group will meet at a time and place other than the monthly Gathering and the working plan at this point is to view two episodes per evening and to get the accompanying study guide for the participants.

Do any of these ideas sound interesting? Let the board know if you like or dislike these plans and if you would like to participate in the study group.

Don Moore, President

---

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### *Interesting Facts*

### *About Scotland*

Scotland covers 30,414 square miles (compare that to WA state at 71,300 square miles) with a population of approx. 5,194,000.

There are 186 inhabited islands around Scotland(out of over 790 total islands).

Ben Nevis is the highest mountain, at 4409 feet high. It takes about 4 hours to hike to the top of it. The longest river is the Tay, which flows for 118 miles.

Scotland's motto is *In My Defens God Me Defend* (often shown abbreviated as *IN DEFENS*)

The Black Isle is so called because there are big quarries of black slate in this area. It is not an isle, but a peninsula.

The oldest Christian burial place in Scotland is St. Oran's cemetery on Iona. The remains of 48 Scottish kings, including Duncan, who was murdered by MacBeth in 1040, are on Iona.

Both Scotland and Albania had clan systems. Scotland's ancient name was Alba and the two countries wear the kilt as the national dress.

The name "Stuart" was first used by Mary, Queen of Scots, indicating royal blood (previously it was "Stewart". Robert II (early 1316 - 19 April 1390) became King of Scots in 1371 as the first monarch of the House of Stewart. During the 16th century the French spelling *Stuart* was adopted by Mary, Queen of Scots when she was living in France. She sanctioned the change to



ensure the correct pronunciation of the Scots version of the name *Stewart*, because retaining the letter 'w' would have made it difficult for French speakers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2 - Ensemble Galilei in Concert (Irish, Scottish, early and original music);  
Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., \$18; at Dusty Strings, 3406 Fremont Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98103, 206-634-1662 or (toll free) 866-634-1662;  
<http://www.egmusic.com/>

April 6 - Tartan Day commemoration celebration at Olympia, 12:00 noon; Bob Parrish - 253-566-8215, [chairman@tartanday-wa.org](mailto:chairman@tartanday-wa.org); Chuck Cook - 253 472 7252. The ceremony takes place at the State Capitol; pipers flying of the Saltire at the State Capitol and addresses about the Scottish contribution to America.

April 8 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church.

April 9 - Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival, Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road East, Albany, OR; email : [grant4x4@centurytel.net](mailto:grant4x4@centurytel.net);  
<http://www.oregonscottishsociety.com>

April 16 - Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul (Celtic fiddle) 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$26, \$36, \$49 Pantages Theater, 901 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA,  
[www.broadwaycenter.org](http://www.broadwaycenter.org)[www.eilenivers.com](http://www.eilenivers.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

April 16 - Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen, 7:30 p.m. \$14.00; Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Avenue N., Seattle, WA;  
[www.seafolklore.org](http://www.seafolklore.org);  
[www.kalletlarsen.com](http://www.kalletlarsen.com)

May 7/8 - Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, CA;  
[www.sacallie.org](http://www.sacallie.org)

May 13 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church.

May 14 - The Great West Coast Craic; Seattle with the Young Dubliners, sponsored by the Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association; 6:00 p.m. - \$25 adv./\$30 day of show \$35 VIP King Cat Theater, 2130 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA;  
[www.kingcattheater.com](http://www.kingcattheater.com);  
<http://www.greatwestcoast.com>

May 21-22 - Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Topaz Park, Victoria, BC;  
[www.victoriahighlandgames.com](http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com)

May 21 - Eugene Highland Games, Peace Presbyterian Church, 3060 River Road, Eugene, Oregon;  
[www.eugenescottishfestival.com](http://www.eugenescottishfestival.com)

May 21 - Comox Valley Highland Games, Lewis Park, Courtenay, BC;  
<http://www.cvhg.org/>

## MARCH PHOTOS



STEPPIN' OUT: Hard shoe Irish dancing



STARTIN' OUT: Young dancers doing beginning steps

# SCOTTISH NEWS

**Dolly Parton** promises free books to Scotland's vulnerable children - Dolly Parton, the rhinestone country music superstar, has promised every child in care in Scotland a free book every month until they reach their fifth birthday. Parton has joined with the Scottish Government and the Scottish Book Trust to bring her Imagination Library to Scotland. Launched in 1995 to combat poor levels of child literacy in her home state, Tennessee, the scheme has spread around the world to 1,300 communities. Parton said, "I started the program because so many of my own family and neighbors, who were poor people that had to work in the fields, didn't get an opportunity to go to school."

**Scotland's roads** have been ranked the third safest in the world, behind only England and Sweden. The annual safety ranking which covers all of Europe as well as the U.S., Canada, Japan, and South Korea, showed the number of fatalities on Scottish roads has dropped 20% in the last year.

**Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas' have a new CD** - "Highlander's Farewell" - Award-winning duo Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas once again unleash their dazzling teamwork, driving, dancing rhythms, and shared passion for taking the infectious melodies and grooves of Scottish/Celtic music on an exciting new journey; with special guests Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill - Bruce Molsky - Brittany Haas - Hanneke Cassel - Laura Risk - Ryan McKasson - Evan Price - Emily Onderdonk - Mike Block - Tristan Clarridge; to listen to clips and to purchase, visit [musicinscotland.com](http://musicinscotland.com) and search "Highlander's Farewell".

## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

May 25 - Jamie Laval with Zac Leger; Traditions Café and World Folk Art, 300 5th Avenue SW Olympia, WA; 360-705-2819; 2002 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion Jamie Laval and guitarist Zac Leger perform the stirring Celtic music of Scotland, Ireland and Brittany. Zac also plays Uilleann pipes, whistle, and the Irish Bouzouki. 8:00 PM, Tickets: \$15, Student/low income: \$10; [www.traditionsfairtrade.com](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com), [www.jamielaval.com](http://www.jamielaval.com)

June 3-5 - Riverdance; The Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine Street, Seattle, WA; [www.stgpresents.org](http://www.stgpresents.org); [www.riverdance.com](http://www.riverdance.com)

June 4 - Welsh Heritage Day Celebration, Noon to 3 p.m. at the Black Diamond Historical Museum, <http://blackdiamondmuseum.org/>

June 4-5 - Bellingham Scottish Highland Games, Hovander Homestead Park, Ferndale, WA; <http://www.bhga.org>

June 10 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church.

June 10, 11, 12 - Newport Celtic Festival and Highland, [belinda@newportcelticfestival.com](mailto:belinda@newportcelticfestival.com), [www.newportcelticfestival.com](http://www.newportcelticfestival.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

June 17-19 - BC Legion Highland Gathering, Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, BC; [www.ncfhg.com/](http://www.ncfhg.com/)

June 18 - Prosser Scottish Fest; Contact: Port of Benton Prosser Wine and Food Park; [www.prosserchamber.org](http://www.prosserchamber.org)

June 24/25 - Alaska Scottish Highland Games; Eagle River Lions Park; Eagle River/ Anchorage, AK

June 25 - Tacoma Highland Games Frontier Park; 217th and Meridian / Highway 161, Graham, WA; <http://www.tacomagames.org>

June 25 - BC Highland Games and Scottish Festival, Percy Perry Stadium, Coquitlam, BC; [bchighlandgames.com](http://bchighlandgames.com)

July 9-10 Skagit Valley Highland Games, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, WA; [celticarts.org](http://celticarts.org)

July 9-10 - Athena Caledonian Games, City Park, Athena, OR; [www.athenacaledoniangames.org](http://www.athenacaledoniangames.org)

July 16 - Portland Highland Games, Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR.; [phga.org](http://phga.org)

July 29/30/31 - 65th Anniversary - Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA; [www.sshga.org](http://www.sshga.org)

**Model T Ford to scale Ben Nevis for second time** - Now car enthusiasts will recreate one of the most bizarre climbs, by taking a Model T Ford up Britain's highest mountain. Over the years a bed, a wheelbarrow and a piano have made it to the 4,409ft summit. But in 1911 an Edinburgh motorist, Henry Alexander, drove a 20hp Model T Ford up the pony track to the top. To commemorate the centenary of the remarkable achievement, a Model T Ford will again find itself on the ben's summit on 18 May. This time, due to environmental considerations, they will not drive up but dismantle the car and reassemble it on the mountain top. A special replica, but undrivable car, will be dismantled at Achintee, near Fort William. It will then be carried up the slopes with the help of about 100 volunteers with hillwalking experience as part of a week-long rally being organized by Iain Blyth for the Model T Register of Great Britain.

**UFO files released** - Eyewitness accounts of unidentified flying objects following planes above Scottish airports and claims by hillwalkers of close encounters atop remote Highland mountain ranges are among thousands of newly declassified documents released by the National Archives recently. Across the UK, the documents include apparent sightings of UFOs by the military and a "War of the Worlds" style emergency in the 1960s prompted by a student hoax. They also show that the phenomenon was discussed at the highest levels at the United Nations, the CIA and the House of Lords. The files, which contain an array of UFO-related documents, drawings, and letters, detail several incidents in Scotland. The most descriptive

---

account comes from a member of the public in West Kilbride, who wrote to the Ministry of Defence to report an object approaching a plane near Prestwick Airport at around 11pm on 27 August 2003. "There was a fluorescent green UFO, saucer shaped," they wrote. "The pilot could not have missed it as it was level with [the plane] but say 50 feet away to its left as they passed each other, the UFO started to tilt slowly downwards." In another file, a hillwalker describes an eerie incident at the summit of Beaclach an Lapain in the Five Sisters of Kintail area in the north-west Highlands. The walker, who is not identified other than being from Dumbarton, explained that he was at the top of the mountain with his partner on

a "clear cloudless day" when the fast moving object came within their earshot. Estimating its speed to be between 60 and 100mph, the man said the UFO emitted a "steady whooshing or swishing sound like a Guy Fawkes rocket". The documents also report a War of the Worlds incident in 1967 that was treated as a potential "alien invasion" of the UK after the RAF was flooded with reports of six "flying saucers" in southern England. Four police forces, bomb disposal units, the army and the MoD's intelligence branch were all mobilized before it emerged the saucers were a "rag-day" hoax by engineering students from Farnborough Technical College.

---

## WELSH HERITAGE DAY EVENT

The town of Black Diamond was founded primarily by Welsh coal miners in the 1800's. Celebrate Welsh heritage on Saturday, June 4th, 2011, noon to 3 p.m. at the Black Diamond Historical Museum, Black Diamond, WA. Typically, the Welsh Women meet at 11:00 for brunch at the Black Diamond Bakery before visiting the Museum. Contact Carol Jones 425-882-2825 for information/reservations.

## UPCOMING CEILIDH

Held at the Nile Golf Course and Country Club, Mountlake Terrace, WA Join the Northwest Junior Pipe Band as they celebrate their 16th Anniversary during their annual "Mother's Day Eve" Ceilidh on Saturday, May 7th, 2011. Free parking. Doors open at 5:00 pm for Social hour, Silent Auction preview and No-host Bar. Dinner will be served at your table between 6:30 and 6:45 pm. The show, featuring the Northwest Junior Pipe Band, Karen Shelton Highland Dancers and NWJPB premier Alumni solo performers begins at 7:00. Tickets available via [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).



A fellowship founded in Seattle in 1902 to foster a love of Scotland, her people and her heritage.

**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 27278  
Seattle WA 98165-1778

**Dancing:**

Mondays, 7 p.m. at The Phinney Ridge Community Center. For information contact [fraser509@gmail](mailto:fraser509@gmail)

**Gatherings:**

- When - Second Friday of each month except July, August and September.  
Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church  
3841 N.E. 123<sup>rd</sup> St. Seattle WA.  
Directions - From Lake City Way proceed east on 123<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>. Park in the Church parking lot.  
Time - Set-up at 6.30 p.m.  
Social Hour at 7:00 p.m.  
Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Entertainment and raffle at 8:00 p.m.

Visit us on the Web: [www.caledonians.com](http://www.caledonians.com)

**Return Address:**

The Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society of Seattle  
PO Box 27278 Seattle, W A 98165 -1778

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- President: Don Moore (206-999-2808)  
1st Vice President: Jim Mentzer (206-789-6104)  
2nd Vice President: Victoria Johnson (206-321-4980)  
Secretary: Susan Walker (425-387-2011)  
Treasurer: Allan Patten (206-542-7692)  
Social Director: Bill McFadden 206-364-6025  
Chaplain: Bonnie Munro 425-806-3734  
Parliamentarian: Denise Chitwood 206-527-7910  
Trustee: Kim Cambern 206-542-2400  
Trustee: Diana Smith 206-523-2618

**HEATHER BELL STAFF:**

- Diana Smith – Editor  
Andrew McDiarmid – Publisher  
Susan Walker - Distribution