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NEXT GATHERING

Members of the Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society will continue to gather using the electronic app Zoom for several additional months, due to continuing prohibitions on large gatherings of people.

Our next gathering is Sunday, August 8th, at 2:00pm. An e-mailed link will be sent to everyone who has computer access a few days in advance of this date. You can also join by clicking on this link or copying and pasting this address into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/713418301?pwd=K1ZUQnBOSE53YURUYjE4SW4ySjlxQT09>

You can also participate by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering the meeting ID: 713 418 301 and then the passcode: 004905. For those without a camera on your computer, you can do both, letting you see everyone on the computer and connecting with people on your phone.

AUGUST PROGRAM



Bill Mullen – Bill is a professional musician from Dundee, Scotland. He loves to sing and tell stories as he plays guitar, making sure his audience has

a great time. Based in Florida in the winter and touring during the summer, Bill plays Scottish,

Irish, American and other music in pubs, clubs, concerts and Celtic festivals around the USA America. Check out his website for more information about him at <https://www.bill-mullen.com>.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Plan ahead to join us each month for gatherings on Zoom. We will have a variety of local, national, and international talent for the program.

September 12 – Charles Lamb – Charles is known to those who have attended Highland Games for many years, not only because he had a tent at Games, but also because he has made the haggis for a number of Burns Dinners and other events. He is an engaging speaker and has many stories to tell, not just about making haggis!

SUMMER EVENT

Since the Caledonians are not yet allowed to have in-person gatherings at the church where we have been meeting, everyone is invited to a **Lawn Party on Sunday, August 15th, at 2:00 p.m.** at the home of the McFaddens. The weather tends to be fine at this time of year and we think an outdoor gathering will be a pleasant way to see each other in person. For the safety of everyone in these difficult times, we respectfully ask that people who attend have been vaccinated for COVID-19.

The McFadden's address is 12325 40th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125. We will provide a light lunch.

Please RSVP to the McFaddens at rmcfadde@mindspring.com or call 206-714-2601 so we know how many to expect and how much food to make available.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome **Jean Free Bolton**, a Caledonian member from the past who has moved back to the Seattle area. People who have been involved with Scottish Country dancing may remember Jean.

FACEBOOK

The Caledonians have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/seattlecaledonians/?ref=bookmarks>

Diana Smith frequently posts interesting articles and notices, so check back often.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Bonnie reports that Harry McAlister is home and doing better after a stay in rehab. Cards to encourage him in his recovery can be sent to him at 911 N. 12th St., Tacoma, WA 98403.

She also sent cards to Victoria Johnson, who is recovering from surgery, and Tom Lamb, who has been having minor medical issues.

Bonnie reminds people that she does not have e-mail, so please call her when you have information about Caledonians who are ill or otherwise in need of a cheerful message from us. Her phone is 425-806-3734.

Calendar of Seattle Area Scottish Events

Highland Games in the area:

Most highland games that were cancelled in 2020 are also **cancelled in 2021**, including the following: Spokane – August 7

September 11-12 – Kelso Highlander Festival. Still scheduled, but check their website closer to that date for updated information.

www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival.

Jamie Laval – YouTube videos – Scottish fiddler Jamie Laval won't have live performances until September. In the meantime, he invites you to view

his YouTube videos at <https://YouTube.com/playlist?list=PLWBtgXxJ11Yi8rrx27nrBw9YwzTa6bS-s>

Recap of the June Caledonian Gathering



Skye Richendrfer provided an interesting and entertaining program at the June 13th Caledonian gathering on Zoom. He talked about how the Celtic Arts Foundation got its start and the construction of the Littlefield Celtic Center. A talented piper, Skye also played some music for us on this instrument.

The *Heather Bell* is not usually published in the summer months. This much shortened version for August 2021 is to provide information about the Society and its activities since we have not been able to get together at area highland games this summer.



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