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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, July 11th, 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=K1ZUQnBOSE53YURUYjE4SW4ySjkxQT09>

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.

JULY PROGRAM

Skye Richendrfer - Skye is the founder and executive director of the Celtic Arts Foundation in Mount Vernon. He also is the power behind the Highland Games in Mount Vernon. He is a lively and interesting speaker who will bring a virtual presentation of those Games.



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.

August 8th: Bill Mullen - Singer from the Florida Scottish entertainment circuit

August 15 - Lawn Party - the McFaddens invite Caledonians to an outdoor gathering at their home. More details to follow in August. We will hope for good weather (not too hot and no rain!)

September 12 - Charles Lamb - Charles is known to many who have attended Highland Games for many years, not only because he had 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!

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 reported that she sent cards on behalf of the Caledonians to Harry and Diane McAlister. Harry has been experiencing severe back pain from disintegrating vertebrae and then fell last week.

Bonnie reminds people that she does not have e-mail, so please call her when you have information about Caledonians who are ill or passed away. 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:

Mount Vernon - July 10-11

Portland - July 17

Seattle (Enumclaw) - July 23-25

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.

July 11 - Livestreaming by Bill Mullen - 1:00pm.

<https://facebook.com/billmullenentertains>. Bill is based in Florida and he will be our featured entertainer in August. You can find information about more of his livestreams at <https://www.bill-mullen.com>

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



Twenty members and guests attended the June 13th Caledonian gathering on Zoom. New officers were installed at the business meeting before Charlie Zahm sang a

variety of Scottish songs and regaled us with stories behind many of the songs.

The Heather Bell is not usually published in the summer months. This much shortened version for July 2021 is to provide information about the Society and its activities since most Highland Games in the area have been cancelled again this summer.



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