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## NEXT GATHERING

Members of the Caledonian & St. Andrew's Society will gather in May using the electronic app Zoom.

Our next gathering is **Sunday, May 15th**, at 2:00 p.m. **Note: We will meet on the third Sunday of the month, because Mothers Day is on the second Sunday.** 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.

## MAY PROGRAM



**Alex Sturbaum** is a singer, songwriter, dance musician, and multi-instrumentalist, and performs across the country at festivals, contra dance weekends, and more. He will per-

form a mix of songs and tunes from the Scottish tradition. He will be playing the button accordion, bouzouki, guitar, and bodhran.

## 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.

## SUNSHINE REPORT



We are saddened to report the death of long-time Caledonian, **Noel Arthur Henderson**, from leiomyosarcoma, on April 13, 2022. Art was 90. He had an active and interesting life. By training, Art was a design engineer for over 30 years in California. By avocation, he was involved with his church, scouting, rugby, football (soccer) which he played semi-professionally for many years, bicycle racing, and part-time farming. He also spent over 30 years with Toastmasters, rising to become District Four Governor for the San Francisco/Salinas district. After the death of his wife in 2002, Art moved to Redmond, WA in 2005. He is survived by his partner of 20 years, Carolyn J. Harris; by two sons and a daughter; and by three step-children. Art's full obituary expands on this short summary of his very interesting life at <http://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/10712929>

**Stephanie Sprinkle** has had multiple health issues recently. She thought she had the flu and experienced a lot of dizziness that resulted in a fall. She was admitted to the hospital as a result of the fall, and learned that she had a gall bladder inflammation instead of the flu. She had surgery and says she is feeling better now than she has felt in a long time. She will be in rehab for a couple of weeks while on IV antibiotics before returning to her home. Cards may be sent to her at 1316 N. 161<sup>st</sup> St., Shoreline, WA 98133.

If you know of a Caledonian who would be cheered by a card, let Bonnie Munro know. She can be reached by phone at 425-806-3734.

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## Calendar of Seattle Area Scottish Events

### MAY

**15 Caledonian & St. Andrews Society Gathering**, 2:00 pm. Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/713418301?pwd=K1ZUQnBOSE53YURUYjE4SW4ySjIxQT09>

**21 The Faux Paws**, 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$25.00 Littlefield Celtic Center, 1124 Cleveland Ave., Mount Vernon, WA 360-416-4934 <https://celticarts.org/celtic-events/>

### JUNE

**4 Bellingham Scottish Gathering**, 9:00am-6:00pm. North Bellingham Golf Course, 205 W Smith Road, Bellingham, WA 98226.  
<https://www.scottishdancesociety.org/events>

**11 Tacoma Scots Pipe Band Dinner**, 4:00-8:00 pm. Tacoma Sportsman Club, 16409 Canyon Rd. E., Puyallup. \$45 For tickets, contact Joy Garitone at 253-312-4567 or [sheepgirl@msn.com](mailto:sheepgirl@msn.com)

**18 Prosser Scottish Fest & Highland Games**. Port of Benton Wine & Food Park, 2882 Lee Road, Prosser, WA 99350 <https://prosserscottishfest.org>

**25 Tacoma Highland Games**. 9:00 a.m. Frontier Park, 21718 Meridian Ave. E., Graham, WA. Tickets: adults \$20 and seniors/children \$15. [Tacoma Highland Games - Entry Ticket Tickets, Sat, Jun 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#); <https://www.tacomagames.org/>

### JULY

**9 Skagit Valley Highland Games**. Edgewater Park, 600 Behrens Millet Road, Mount Vernon, WA.  
<https://celticarts.org>

**23-24 Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games**. Expo Center, 45224 284<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Enumclaw, WA.  
<https://www.sshga.org>

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## SEPTEMBER

**10-11 Kelso Highlander Festival**. 9am. Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso, WA  
<https://www.kelso.gov/visitors/highlander-festival>

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## Recap of the April Caledonian Gathering



Cayley Schmid and her husband, Aaron Guest, entertained Caledonians at the April gathering on Zoom. Cayley

played violin and Aaron accompanied her on the piano from their home in Bellingham.

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## Recap of National Tartan Day

Caledonians Harry & Diane McAlister, Chuck Cook, Jim & May Heltsley, Bill & Ruth McFadden, and Matthew & Karen Walker were present in Olympia on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate National Tartan Day.



Organized and hosted by members of Clan Donald, Henry Phillips was master-of-ceremonies for the program. SAMS Posts 1889 & 1859 presented the flags and Alan McEachern sang the national anthems of the UK, Canada, and the USA. Chuck Cook recounted the history of Tartan Day in





Washington. Mary, Queen of Scots and her court were present, and Queen Mary read aloud the Declaration of Arbroath.



The Olympic Highlanders Bagpipe & Drum Corps supplemented by pipers and drummers from Tacoma Scots provided appropriate music.



Unfortunately, the event had not been widely publicized, so attendance by the public and clans was low – only about 20 people besides all the performers – but the program was well-planned and very moving.

Afterward, participants met at Tugboat Annie's restaurant for a social and lunch.

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## 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. Be sure to "Like"

the articles so they show up frequently on your Facebook stream.

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## Caledonian Board Actions

### Caledonian Tent at Enumclaw Games

The Caledonian board met on Sunday, April 24, and voted to increase the exposure of the Society by again hosting a Caledonian tent at the Pacific Northwest Games in Enumclaw, July 23-24. The purposes will be to offer information about the Society and National Tartan Day, and to assist those attending the games in identifying their clan associations.

All brochures, clan books, and other materials will be provided, but we can't do this without support from members. We will need help setting up the tent on Friday night and taking it down on Sunday evening, as well as volunteers to greet visitors at the tent and hand out information for 2-3 hour shifts on either Saturday or Sunday. Please let Ruth McFadden (206-714-2601 or [rmcfadde@mindspring.com](mailto:rmcfadde@mindspring.com)) know if you can volunteer some time.

Volunteers are also needed to help hand out brochures, etc. at the Mount Vernon and Tacoma games as well, although we will be sharing tent space with clans that have two tents in lieu of having our own separate tent.

### Election of Officers

Officers will be elected at the May gathering on May 15<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. Half of the board is elected for two-year terms each year. The following persons have been nominated for 2022-2024:

President – Tom Lamb

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Rosemary Blake

Secretary – Ruth McFadden

Social Chairperson – Bill McFadden

Trustee – Harry McAlister

If you would like to be considered for any of these positions, please contact Tom Lamb at 425-742-2348.

### Meetings

Since Scottish Highland Games have been scheduled again for this summer, the

Caledonians will not meet on Zoom during July, August, and September. The summer gatherings were a special arrangement for 2020 and 2021 because games could not be held during those summers due to the coronavirus. Similarly, there will be no regular Heather Bell newsletter during those months.

## Articles and Topics About Scotland and Things Scottish

Information based on articles in *The Scottish Banner* and *Wikipedia*.

### May Events in Scottish History

**1 May 1707** – The Act of Union of English and Scottish parliaments was proclaimed. This occurred despite opposition by the majority of Scots.

**2 May 1933** – Accounts of an aquatic beast living in Scotland's Loch Ness date back 1,500 years. The modern legend was born when the claims of a sighting by a local couple made local news on this date.

**6 May 1999** – Election of the first Scottish Parliament since 1707.

**8 May 1945** – VE (Victory in Europe) Day marked the end of World War II in Europe. Over 50,000 Scottish servicemen died during the conflict.

**10 May 1941** – Rudolf Hess crash-landed in Scotland after his bizarre solo flight from Nazi Germany. He crash-landed a stolen plane at Eaglesham in an alleged, but inexplicable, effort to negotiate an end to the war.



**12 May 1999** – The Scottish Parliament reconvened. The first words of Dr. Winifred Ewing MSP, acting Presiding Officer, were: "The Scottish Parliament which adjourned on the 25<sup>th</sup> March in the year 1707 is hereby reconvened."



**16 May 1966** – The Bay City Rollers formed in Edinburgh. They were called the "tartan teen

sensations from Edinburgh".

**21 May 1916** – Daylight Savings Act brought in "British Summer Time" for the first time.

**22 May 1968** – The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland voted in favour of women ministers.

**25 May 1967** – Celtic FC became the first British football club to win the European Cup. The winning team was made up of eleven Scots, all born within a 30 mile radius of Glasgow.

**28 May 1503** – Papal Bull signed by Pope Alexander VI confirming the marriage of King James IV and Margaret Tudor and the "Treaty of Everlasting Peace" between Scotland and England.



**31 May 1727** – The Royal Bank of Scotland was formed.



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