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## NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Winter 2019 newsletter detailed our St. Andrew's Day banquet, the Mill Prong House reception and the Robert Burns Nicht Dinner. Many activities with Society members have taken place since and many more opportunities are

on our calendar. Both *The Carolina Piper* and the [standrewssocietyofnc.org](http://standrewssocietyofnc.org) website summarize ongoing and meaningful ways to promote our North Carolina Scottish heritage. Our thanks go to Don McLeod and Glenn Davis who publish these invaluable resources.

In March, a special reception was held inside Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill to view a special exhibit on Scottish immigration to North Carolina. In April, Scottish Heritage Weekend took place at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. SASNC member William Caudill

has long organized this symposium. Tartan Day NC followed later in the month and was held in downtown Raleigh at the NC Museum of History. This growing event had participants from across the age spectrum and was well attended.

The 64<sup>th</sup> annual [Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#) will be held over the four-day weekend of July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Your attendance at these "bucket list" games is most important and we hope you will make every effort to bring your family along too. This immersion in everything Scottish will forge life-long friendships. Of everything that your organization supports, this is definitely a highlight event that shouldn't be missed. Make your western NC "mini-vacation" plans now and plan to enjoy carefree days with other Society attendees.

Charles King  
President

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## TARTAN DAY 2019

National Tartan Day of April 6 was approved by the U.S. Congress in 1998, led by Mike McIntyre (D-NC) in the House and Trent Lott (R-MS) in the Senate. April 6 is the date of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320 in which Scottish nobles petitioned Pope John XXII to recognize Scotland as an independent nation under King Robert the Bruce.

Tartan Day NC was held at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh and was attended by a cadre of kilted SASNC members. Donovan Murray of the Celtic Force organized the event and presented an excellent program of piping, Highland dancing and lectures.



*Tartan Day participants at the State Club, NCSU; James Graham, Cameron Seely, Don McLeod, Robert Boykin, Jack McLaughlin, Charles King, Allen James and Randall Fraser*



## UNC EXHIBIT: HIGHLAND SCOT IMMIGRANTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Wilson Library at UNC Chapel Hill has hosted a two-month exhibit on the history of [Scottish Highland immigrants in N.C.](#) Anne Fertig, a doctoral candidate in the English department, produced the interesting and informative exhibit with help from Tiber Falzett, the visiting Gaelic lecturer for 2018-2019. A well-attended SASNC reception was held March 25 at the library as Miss Fertig reviewed her work on the project. Afterwards a few made it to the Top of the Hill restaurant and pub to confer with Coach Roy Williams on the upcoming NCAA playoff game versus the Gaels of Iona College. Coach was interested in any Gaelic inside information.



*Anne Fertig speaking  
Scottish Highland Immigrant Exhibit*



*Coach Roy Williams with William McIlwain,  
John Monroe and Donovan Murray*



*SASNC Reception  
Scottish Highland Immigrants Exhibit*

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE WEEKEND ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

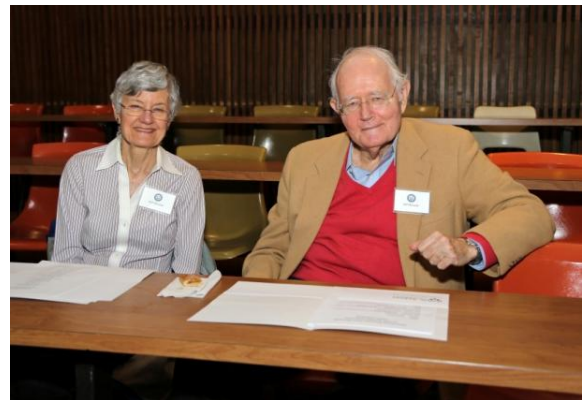
The 30th Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Weekend was held April 5-7 at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. The symposium series was begun in 1989 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the first organized party of Highland Scots to reach N.C. The program features noted North American and Scottish scholars as well as speakers on N.C. topics. A Saturday reception was held in the Scottish Heritage Center, directed by William Caudill. The center is a museum as well as a library of all things Scottish. The following are scenes from the symposium.



*Symposium attendees: James Graham, David Gellatly, Don McLeod, Daniel Pate, William Caudill, Cameron Seely, Gerald Daniel and Charles King*



*David Gellatly discussing lectures with faculty Tiber Falzett and Don McLeod*



*Gail and William McLean of Lumberton*