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Greetings from the Executive Board! It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. Enjoy the outdoors in May-June before the heat and humidity settle in; Carolina is beautiful this time of year. This Carolina Piper issue alerts you to several upcoming events in which you are encouraged to participate. Members can attend the Society Board of Directors meeting on July 8 in Chapel Hill. This is an excellent way to experience how the organization operates. More information on the GMHG, the Brownson Kirkin' and the Scotland County Highland Games is forthcoming.

You have been informed by Bill Caudill of the sad closing of Saint Andrew's University and the Scottish Heritage Center. Bill has devoted 35 years to his alma mater and the Center. All items and materials from the Center are now stored in a temperature/humidity-controlled storage until future plans are developed. Bill Caudill created the Scottish Heritage Center, a place of unmatched Highland Scot excellence.

Slainte,
Carr McCaskill, President

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

2025-2026 was a banner year for the Scholarship and Grants Committee. We received eight qualified applications for the scholarships to three Scottish Universities: the University of St. Andrews, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow. Four scholarships of \$5000 each were awarded. One to a returning sophomore at the University of St. Andrews, two to Master's degree candidates at St. Andrew, and one to a PHD candidate in Bioengineering at the University of Edinburgh. One of the Master's degree candidates is for Sacred Music which is especially exciting since the recipient plans to return to North Carolina to pursue a career in church music. This means he will be sharing his knowledge of Scottish Sacred Music with communities in North Carolina.

The University of St. Andrews is the favorite destination and is also very active in publicizing the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina scholarship program. I would urge all members of the Society to give generously to the Scholarship fund so we can continue to fund the existing scholarships and expand the program. Your birthday gifts directly support scholarships. The student interest is clearly there!

David Gellatly, Chairman



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES JULY 10-13, 2025

Hurricane Helene or no, the GMHG are on full throttle! The Society will have a double hospitality tent for relaxation, camaraderie, and lunch. Invite your special guests!

Our annual GMHG dinner will be Friday night at the Meadowbrook Inn in Blowing Rock. This venue was highly rated last year and will be our host this year.

Details and registration information will be sent soon.





PORT CITY HIGHLAND GAMES MAY 31, 2025

Wilmington continues its tradition of Spring highland games on May 31 this year. There will be pipe bands, clan tents, heavy athletics, dancing, food, beer and a British motorcar exhibition! Address is 3600 Randall Parkway, Wilmington, NC. St. Andrew's Society of NC will host a tent and all are welcome!

TARTAN DAY IN MOORE COUNTY 2025

On Sunday evening April 6, 25 members and guests celebrated Tartan Day at the Sly Fox Gastropub in Southern Pines. The evening was festive as older members became acquainted with newer members. The lassies were well attired. We were entertained by Piper Rick Young, a member from Aberdeen. Rick has been studying with Bill Caudill for several years.

Members bought their own drinks and food and the occasion was easy to manage.



SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING SOUTHERN PINES JUNE 24

Come on, loosen up and have the spirit of your ancestors! Learn some easy dance moves and be amazed at the lads and lassies you see every day when they are animated! Heel to toe, here we go, to Mari's wedding (an old Isle of Lewis tune). Session is at the Douglas Center on 1185 W. Pennsylvania Ave., 3-5 pm. Information call 910-692-2463 Ext 2. \$20 residents, \$28 non-residents. This is sponsored by Southern Pines Parks and Recreation.



SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

(AGES 8 & UP)



\$20 R | \$28 NR

TUE | JUN 24 | 3-5PM

DCC | 1185 W PENNSYLVANIA AVE

Scottish Country Dancing is easy to learn in just one session, promotes teamwork, and provides a lively cultural experience. No experience necessary!

FOR MORE INFORMATION (910) 692-2463 EXT. 2

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS - AUGUST 17 - SOUTHERN PINES

The annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church will be at the 10:00 a.m. (single service) on August 17. A luncheon at Table on the Green will follow the kirkin'. The congregation is highly appreciative of the tartans and kirkin'. Contact Don McLeod (910-695-5550) if you can participate.

Lament Of Mary, Queen of Scots, On The Approach Of Spring

Now Nature hangs her mantle green
On every blooming tree,
And spreads her sheets o' daisies white
Out o'er the grassy lea ;
Now Phoebus cheers the crystal streams,
And glads the azure skies;
But nought can glad the weary wight
That fast in durance lies.

Now laverocks wake the merry morn
Aloft on dewy wing;
The merle , in his noontide bow'r,
Makes woodland echoes ring;
The mavis wild wi' mony a note,
Sings drowsy day to rest:
In love and freedom they rejoice,
Wi' care nor thrall opprest.

Now blooms the lily by the bank,
The primrose down the brae ;
The hawthorn's budding in the glen,
And milk-white is the slae :
The meanest hind in fair Scotland
May rove their sweets amang ;
But I, the Queen of a' Scotland,
Maun lie in prison strang .

I was the Queen o' bonie France,
Where happy I hae been;
Fu' lightly raise I in the morn,
As blythe lay down at e'en :
And I'm the sov'reign of Scotland,
And mony a traitor there;
Yet here I lie in foreign bands,
And never-ending care.

SASNC BOARD MEETING - CHAPEL HILL - JULY 8

The next Society board meeting will be at the Chapel Hill Country Club, July 8, 2025. Meeting will start at 10:30 and lunch will be provided. All members are invited!

Email BJ, Exec Secretary, at sasnc1972@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

But as for thee, thou false woman,
My sister and my fae ,
Grim Vengeance yet shall whet a sword
That thro' thy soul shall gae ;
The weeping blood in woman's breast
Was never known to thee;
Nor th' balm that draps on wounds of woe
Frae woman's pitying e'e .

My son! my son! may kinder stars
Upon thy fortune shine;
And may those pleasures gild thy reign,
That ne'er wad blink on mine!
God keep thee frae thy mother's faes ,
Or turn their hearts to thee:
And where thou meet'st thy mother's friend,
Remember him for me!

O! soon, to me, may Summer suns
Nae mair light up the morn!
Nae mair to me the Autumn winds
Wave o'er the yellow corn?
And, in the narrow house of death,
Let Winter round me rave;
And the next flow'rs that deck the Spring ,
Bloom on my peaceful grave!

(Mary was beheaded by order of her sister,
Queen Elizabeth 1.)