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## A little about us!

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association's origins go back to 1974 when a group of Moncton area residents of Scottish heritage formed the Moncton Scottish Association for the "study and promotion of Scottish culture in all its forms."

Since that time, Moncton Scots have come together to celebrate Robbie Burns' birthday and St. Andrew's day, to put on concerts and highland dance competitions. We also provide annual scholarships for members studying Scottish dance, music or language.

In 2006 the association put on an evening of music, dance and sports at Bore Park that was so well received that it has evolved into our highly successful Scottish Highland Games and Scottish Festival.

In 2010 we incorporated our association and changed our organization's name to The Greater Moncton Scottish Association Inc. to better reflect the make up of our membership.

We welcome all persons with Scottish ancestry or an interest in Scottish culture to join us. Feel free to explore our website to learn more about the Greater Moncton Scottish Association and what we do.

Visit us on the Web!

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#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Greater Moncton Scottish Association is the study, promotion and participation of Scottish culture in all its forms.

### **Robbie Burns Day**

Robert (Robbie) Burns, was born January 25, 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland; the eldest son of William Burns, a self-educated tenant farmer. challenges Despite poverty, hard farm labour and limited educational opportunities or because of them, Robbie became a poet of great humanity, eventually being recognized as Scotland's National Bard. Like Scots around the world we celebrate his birthday with an evening of food, poetry and music.

## **Tartan Day**

Tartan Day is an international celebration of Scottish heritage held on April 6 each year. This is the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath, a Scottish Declaration of Independence, was signed in 1320. First celebrated in Nova Scotia in 1986, Tartan Day has spread around the world as a day to celebrate Scottish Culture and for Scots to show pride in their heritage by wearing tartan.

#### **Highland Games**

Every June, the Greater Moncton Scottish Association hosts Scots and non-Scots alike to a cultural extravaganza at the Moncton Highland Games and Scottish Festival. This is the Association's premier event where we raise a sense of pride in culturally-aware Scots, reconnect assimilated Scots to their cultural heritage and introduce others to Scottish culture. The games include heavy events, (such as tossing the caber), highland dance competitions, pipes & drums, as well as many other areas of Scottish culture.

#### Feast of St. Andrew

Each November 30, on the Feast Day of St. Andrew, Scots around the world celebrate Scotland's national day. Around 733 A.D, bones of St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland, were brought to what is now St. Andrews in Scotland; eventually making it a significant site of pilgrimage. The national flag of Scotland incorporates the white St. Andrew's Cross on a blue background.



**Greater Moncton Scottish Association** 

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