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Scottish Heroes XIII

The beginning of our 2024-2025 season

The Caledonian Society Council has set the events for the 2024-2025 season. The first one is scheduled for September 14th as a Zoom **Scottish Heroes** event. Our Heroes series began in 2020 with the Covid prohibition of gatherings. We have learned about Scottish people from the past who have accomplished much in areas of industry, exploration, science, and just true grit. Over the years we have worked hard to get the Zoom experience one that we can be proud of and now we are planning for Scottish Heroes XIII.

Our Heroes meetings began in earnest on May 30, 2020, with Hardy Spoehr discussing “The Wizard Meets the King: John Anderson meets King Kamehameha IV.” Then three more Zoom meetings in 2020 where we heard about Sue Black, a contemporary forensic anthropologist who innovates ways to identify victims of crimes, wars, and natural disasters; Eric Liddell, the 1924 Christian Olympic runner who was portrayed in the movie *Chariots of Fire*; botanist & explorer David Douglas; composer & fiddler Neil Gow; novelist Josephine Tey, and many more before the year ended. Because this was a way to keep in touch with the members and provide some much-needed socialization, the Zoom format has become a staple of almost all of our events. Even the tribute to Robert Burns was done virtually for two years with haggis/whisky bags hand delivered and all the poetry and speeches made via Zoom.



The Council has set September 14th as Heroes XIII, a Zoom meeting. The volunteers are: Chieftain McEwan presenting the “First Ministers of the Scottish Government”; Josh Beem will tell us about Elizabeth McHutcheson Sinclair, who purchased the Hawaii island of Ni‘ihau in 1864; and Kevin Bogan will present “Robert the Bruce, Outlaw & King of Scotland.” **The event will begin at 6:00pm. If you would like to join, please contact Kevin Bogan at kevin.bogan@gmail.com. He will send out the meeting link to those attending by the morning of Sept. 14th.**

Elizabeth McHutcheson Sinclair, Wikipedia

2024-2025 Schedule of Events (Subject to Change; Time & Venue TBD)

Sept.14	Heroes XIII—TT Glasgow (See pg. 4)	March 8	Heroes XIV
Oct. 12	SERG recipient Kat O’Dell & Soup/ Supper -Hokua condominium 6:00 pm	Apr 5-6	Highland Festival (HSA event)
Nov. 2	Spooky Stories	May 17	Scottish Castles
Jan. 25	Burns Supper -- Oahu Country Club	June 21	Annual General Meeting “Scottish Kings & Queens”
Feb. 8	Ko‘olau Distillery Tour in Kailua		



Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

We are beginning our new event year with the calendar set for our year ending June 30, 2025. Be sure to mark your calendars so that you can attend these learning experiences. We always look forward to members volunteering to play a role in any of our events. Burns Night, in particular, is an opportunity to be part of the program, but we do need to know who is interested in participating, so take advantage of contacting me or any other Council member if you are interested in helping with Burns Night or any of the other programs.

The planning for the 2025 Highland Festival and Games is underway and is another volunteer opportunity to assist not only The Caledonian Society, but also our umbrella organization, the Hawaiian Scottish Association. The Highland Festival requires a substantial amount of money to operate, and tax-deductible donations are readily accepted. This is an excellent way to support the Scottish community and our mission to highlight the Scottish culture for all members of our island community.

Slàinte, Bruce

Member News

September Birthdays Jodi Beardon, Sheryl Delsol, Carol Anne Gordon, Tory Laitila, Kristin Laitila, Heather MacGregor, Bruce McEwan, & Jackie Phillips.

October Birthdays Mary Fraser, Donna Calkins, Kalani Brady, Jamie McQuat, & John Thompson.

Note: If your birthday is in September or October, and you don't see your name listed here, we probably don't have it in our database. We want to celebrate your special month too, so please contact Kevin Campbell Bogan at 808-778-4697 or by email at kevin.bogan@gmail.com.

Member Tory Laitila, textile curator at the Honolulu Museum of Art (HoMA) is featured in the August/September issue of *Hana Hou*, the Hawaiian Airlines in-air magazine. I was pleasantly surprised to find the article "Common Threads: How aloha wear became the fabric of Island life" on my way back home recently. Although the exhibit is now closed, I hope many of you were able to see the beautiful collection of mu'umu'u, holokū, aloha shirts & fabrics that are so iconic to Hawaii dating back to the 1930's. Designers like Watumull's, Nake'u Awai, Tori Richard, Mamo, and Alfred Shaheen were exhibited. It brought back memories of the dresses my mother-in-law, Lillian MacKinnon, wore, often to Caledonian events. We don't seem to wear these beautiful dresses and aloha shirts as often now. Thank you to Tory for the reminder of the talented designers who created the fabrics we treasure. --Susan MacKinnon

The Caledonian Society relies on membership participation, donations, and annual membership fees to keep the Society healthy, to allow us to plan events, and to keep costs at a minimum. Most events are either free or kept at our cost. We also do not charge extra on most events for bringing a guest. Now our 2024-2025 fiscal year has begun, and it's time to send in your fee of \$30 per member (we don't have a family membership). **If you have a question regarding your membership, please contact our membership secretary, Kevin Bogan, at kevin.bogan@gmail.com.**

Since 1965 The Caledonian Society purpose has been to celebrate & preserve Scottish culture in Hawaii. It's important to support the Society and your fees are critical to helping with planning & keeping the Society alive. Please send your membership fee using one of the choices below and join us (and bring your friends & family) for the 2024-2025 events planned by the Council.

To pay by credit card, find the Caledonian website www.scotsinhawaii and use the link there for SquareUp. (A fee of \$2 is added for each charge.)

Personal checks can be mailed to:

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The First Publication of Encyclopedia Britannica: 1771



Editions of the Encyclopædia Britannica; Kenny Chmielewski/EB Inc.

The first edition of the oldest and largest English language encyclopedia was issued in Edinburgh by the "Society of Gentlemen in Scotland" in instalments or numbers between 1768 and 1771. The printer and first editor was William Smellie and the major themes of the first edition were the arts and sciences. Later editions added history and biography. Various publishing houses took over responsibility for the encyclopedia and from 1929 it has had a transatlantic ownership. From that date it has been continuously revised rather than appearing in different editions. It remains a major work of scholarship and reference.

The word "encyclopedia" means "instruction in the whole circle of learning." Diderot and D'Alembert in France had issued *L'Encyclopedie* between 1751 and 1776. This publication was seen as a symbol of rational thought and attracted contributors of the highest intellectual ability. It was unsurprising that Scotland imitated France and produced the first English-language encyclopedia. Edinburgh was at the height of its fame as the centre of the Scottish Enlightenment, the "Athens of the North," and Scottish scholars and philosophers of the day consciously looked to France for their intellectual and cultural models. Scotland continued to have a great tradition in the production of encyclopedias. In 1859, Robert Chambers of W & R Chambers in Edinburgh issued *Chambers' Encyclopedia*.

--Brian D. Osborne & Ronald Armstrong, *SCOTTISH DATES*.
Berlinn Limited, Edinburgh. 1996



Flowers of the Forest

James Marsh, a long-time member of the Caledonian Society, passed away on August 14th. Condolences to his family.

A service will be held on October 19th at Hawaii Memorial Mortuary & Park. Visitation from 9:00 to 10:00; service 10:00 to 11:00. A "By Invitation Only" reception will be held for anyone who knew Jim. Mrs. Selena Marsh has requested all men please wear kilts for the reception. Please contact her at cherubsseraphins@yahoo.com to request an invitation and to have any questions answered.

Honoring the Bard for Sixty Years

The Annual Robert Burns Dinner was one of the original objectives of the founding members of the Society. According to the 2015 fiftieth anniversary program, "this has been done unfailingly every year in January with formal toasts at a grand Burns Night." Ten years later we still get together to celebrate the Scottish Bard with toasts, music, haggis, poetry & more.

On January 25, 2025, we will celebrate Robert Burns' 266th birthday along with the Society's 60th at the Oahu Country Club. The theme is "Honoring the Bard for Sixty Years." Plans are still being arranged and will be announced ASAP.

The Windward Community College Performing Arts department will be offering an original piece based on Burns' poetry and written by Nick Logue for the Immortal Memory. Nick teaches drama at WCC and, with several students, put on a dramatic version of Burns' "Tam o' Shanter" at the Burns Night of 2015.

Would you like to have a speaking part or give a toast in the program this year? Contact Chieftain McEwan at bemacewan@gmail.com.

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Consolidated Celtic Calendar

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Travel Tips (TT) Come to any event in person or via Zoom and, if you wish, give the group your tips on traveling in Scotland, especially in the city or area suggested for that evening. For instance, for the Heroes presentation on September 14th, the TT suggested area will be Glasgow. If you have visited in the Glasgow area, you may suggest a place to visit, a place to stay, or a favorite pub or eating place. Only one or two tips per person per evening, please. Our TT area will be announced before each event.

Scottish Pleasures & Treasures

"The proper drinking of Scotch whisky is more than indulgence; it is a toast to civilization, a tribute to the continuity of culture, a manifesto of man's determination to use the resources of nature to refresh mind and body and enjoy to the full the senses with which he has been endowed."

David Daiches, *Scotch Whisky*, 1969

"For nought can cheer the heart sae weel,
As can a canty Hieland reel;
It even vivifies the heel
To skip and dance:
Lifeless is he who canna feel
Its influence."

Neil M. Gunn, *Whisky & Scotland*, 1935

"For so long as one hundred men remain alive, we shall never under any conditions submit to the domination of the English. It is not for glory or riches or honours that we fight, but only for liberty, which no good man will consent to lose but with his life."

The Declaration Arbroath, 1320.

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MY FIDDLE AND I

By Robert Burns

Green sleeves and tartan ties

Mark my true love where she lies:
I'll be with her before she rise,
My fiddle and I thegither.

Be it by the crystal burn,
Be it by the milk-white thorn;
I shall rouse her in the morn,
My fiddle and I thegither.



*Antique Scottish violin, made in Edinburgh,
1890 by J. Millar*

NOTE: Fiddles and violins are the exact same instruments played in different styles. However, some instruments are expressly designed for fiddling as opposed to classical playing. Such instruments often have a flatter bridge, which brings the strings slightly closer to the fingerboard. –*Masterclass.com*