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A Message From Our President

Beannachdan, Fellow Scot,

Where does your lineage go? Where does it stop? It is different for us all. For many, we pick up the needle and continue to stitch into the tapestry that weaves our history as those that have gone before linger. After all, it is why I am here.

As I sit here listening to the reeling, toe tapping music of one of my favorite bands, Imar, I cannot help but think about what my children will add into their familial memories of Scottish ancestry. Another sip of the pint and I am reminded of a recent school event my youngest son Keegan participated in. It was multi-cultural night. Families were encouraged to share their stories of where they came from. Without hesitation, Keegan said, "I want to wear my kilt." Who could argue with such a sweet front toothless 6-year-old?

The day came and I helped him dress in his highland finery, showing him as we always do the positioning of his fingers to self-measure where the flashes go around his wee legs, wrapping him in tartan, tucking in his shirt, robing him in a wonderful vintage gauntlet cuffed Argyll jacket placing his Glengarry with a not so recent toorie replacement, carefully sewn on by



his mother, Ashley. By the way, she is a delight (do not know how she picked me).

We walked into the school and he immediately commanded attention from staff, families, and classmates. The children surrounded the families in the gym, held hands, and proceeded to sing "I am a Small Part of the World." As you could imagine it was pretty darn cute. What really hit me was how Keegan did not try to be anything he was not. His sincerity was completely intact. He sang, he did the motions, and finished with a big smile. Who could be prouder?

I was not born in Scotland, my son was not born in Scotland, but he knows where some of his family comes from. He understands that this is a part of who he is. That is what it is about.

This Society is what it is about. A place to share, explore, and appreciate the richness of all things Scotland. I am delighted to represent you all and eagerly await another year of experiences with you.

Cheers!

Jonathan Wilson



62nd Annual Burns Supper



Registration Closes
January 12th at
11:59 PM. Tickets
will not be available
at the door.

[Register Now](#)

When: January 25, 2025 at 5pm

Where: [Denver Marriot South](#)

Details: Cocktail reception, silent auction, Supper, Address to the haggis, Queen City Pipe & Drum band, Rocky mountain highland dancers, Ceilidh dancing & More

St. Patrick's Day Parade



Once again, the SASC will be marching in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade. Feel free to bring your Clan banners, flags and tartan, and march with us in front of 200,000 spectators!

We will be marching in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade on **March 15th!!!**

It's a fun day to parade along with (sometimes) as many as 200,000+ spectators!

Bring your family and friends to march with us.

Details and more information will be available on the **St. Patrick's Day Parade website** or you can contact:

Larry Hay at
(303) 960-8305

or

larry.hay@ColoradoScots.com

[Learn More About St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Scottish Book Club](#) - Jan 18th 11 AM @ BrewDog Denver
- [Ceilidh Practice](#) - Jan 19th 3 PM @ Scottish Stained Glass
- [Burns Supper](#) - Jan 25th 5 PM @ Denver Marriott South
- [Colorado Tartan Day Sweetheart Tea](#) - February 8th 1 PM @ St. Brigit Episcopal Church, Firestone, CO
- [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) - March 15th 8:30 AM in Downtown Denver
- [LECTURE: Witch Hunting In Modern Scotland](#) - Date TBD

- [Colorado Tartan Day](#) - April 12-13th @ Boulder County Fair Grounds in Longmont
- [Kirkin' O' The Tartan](#) - May 18th 3 PM @ St. John's Episcopal Cathedral Denver

Highland Happy Hours

- April -
 - [The Golden Bee](#) April 27th @ 4 PM
- May -
 - [BrewDog Denver](#) May 18th @ 5:30 PM
- June -
 - [Darcy's Bistro & Pub](#) June 6th @ 6 PM
 - [Jack Quinn's Irish Pub](#) June 28th @ 5 PM
- July -
 - [Burns Pub](#) September 12th @ 6 PM
- August -
 - [The Hungry Toad](#) August 16th @ 5 PM
- September -
 - [Pint's Pub](#) September 12th @ 6 PM
 - [Shame & Regret](#) September 27th @ 5 PM
- October -
 - [Clancy's Irish Pub](#) October 12th @ 4 PM

Colorado Scottish Festival

New dates!

Mark Your Calendar for
September 20-21, 2025
 Denver Polo Club, Sedalia, CO

Winter Sale Happening Until Jan 31st!

[**Buy Tickets Now**](#)

Past Event Highlights



SASC Members on October
Scotland Trip

Ugly Sweater Fund Raiser Heritage Fund



Our Fearless Leaders Scottish Trivia Trivia Winner - Christina Wyman



Donation Drawing Winners - Ashley Wilson & Mike Carroll Best Ugly Sweater - Andria Thomas





Ceud Mile Failte

(Key-ut Meeluh Fawl-chuh)

"100,000 Welcomes"

We extend a hearty welcome to all new members when they join the St. Andrew Society of Colorado.

Please welcome these new members:

- Beth Block of Fort Lupton, CO
- Cynthia and Henry Hine of Denver, CO
- Zoe Smith of Denver, CO
- Jordan and Emily Faith of Centennial, CO
- Melissa Stagner of Monroeville, PA



The council meets monthly to review and plan society business.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Elected Members

President - [Jonathan Wilson](#)

Vice-President - [Gillian Faith](#)

Secretary - OPEN

Treasurer - [Steven Chandler](#)

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Member-at-Large: [Savannah Dare](#)

Member-at-Large: [Shellie Brinkley](#)

Member-at-Large: [Alison Kelman](#)

Associate Members

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Membership - [Mike Carroll](#)

Editor - [Trish Saunders](#)

Website - [Timm Herrod](#)

Historian - [Kira Johnson](#)

All SASC members are welcome and encouraged to attend council meetings.

Email info@coloradoscots.com to learn how to attend.

Archivist - Open

Heritage Fund/Comptroller - [Larry Hay](#)

Colorado Tartan Day - [Matthew Buchanan](#)

RM Highland Dancers - [EJ Bennet](#)

Scottish Country Dance - [Jamie McKinnon](#)

Games Marshal - [Heather Miller](#)



Seolta Gael -
Roger Hara
Wednesday: 7:00pm -
8:00pm
A weekly exploration of
Celtic music & the
Colorado Celtic
community.



Clan Feature



CLAN DUNBAR



Crest: A horse's head, Argent, bridled and reined, Gules

Motto: In Promptu (In readiness)

Origin of Tartan: Border tartan from the "Vestiarium Scoticum"

Region: Lowlands

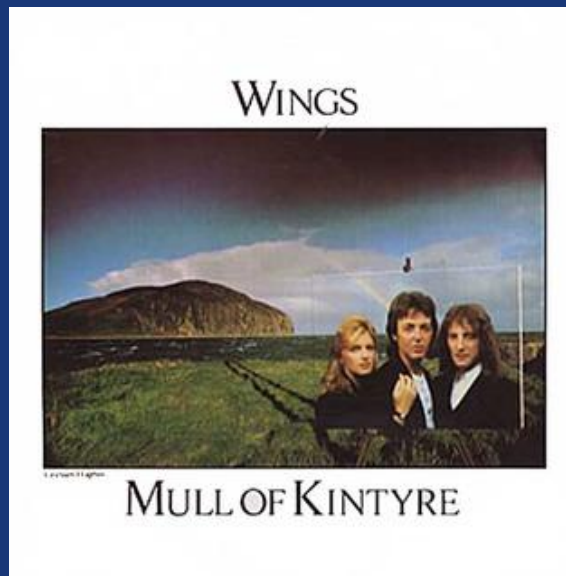
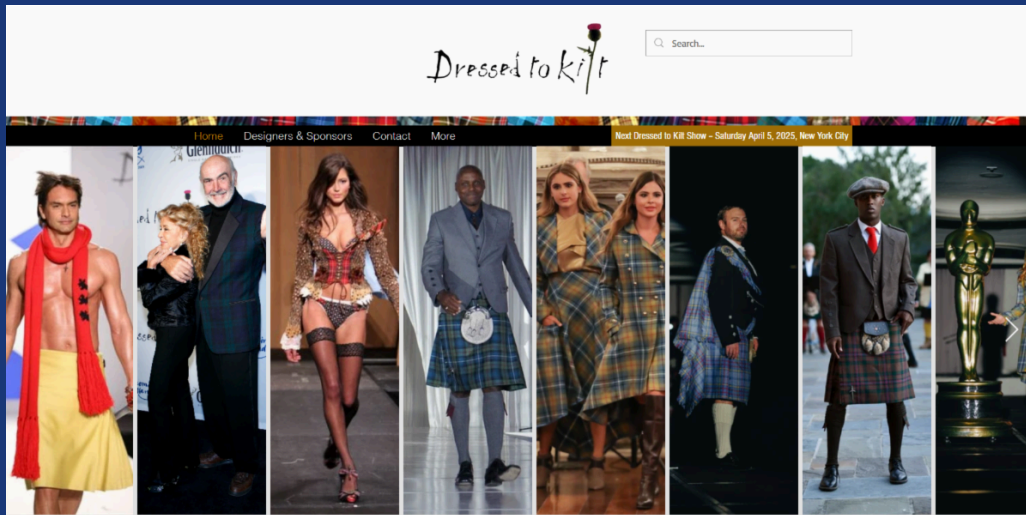
Historic Seat: Dunbar Castle, East Lothian

Clan Chief: Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum Bt.

Dress to Kilt

April 5, 2025 in New York City

"The Scottish Highlands to Fifth Avenue" . This will be a tribute to the fashion of the countryside and the great outdoors. There will of course also be elegant evening wear for the gentlemen and ladies of Edinburgh and Glasgow. It features major celebrities on the runway showing different designer outfits. This event was co-founded by Sean Connery and Dr. Geoffrey Scott Carroll.



"Mull of Kintyre" (1974) is a song by Paul McCartney. It is a tribute to the Kintyre peninsula in Argyll and Bute in the south-west of Scotland and its headland, the Mull of Kintyre, where McCartney has owned High Park Farm since 1966.

The single was his biggest hit in Britain and is one of the best-selling singles of all time in the United Kingdom, where it became the 1977 Christmas number one and was the first single to sell over two million copies nationwide.

The lyrics of the first verse are an ode to the area's natural beauty and sense of home.

Paul said, "I certainly loved Scotland enough, so I came up with a song about where we were living in an area called Mull of Kintyre. It was a love song really, about how I enjoyed

being there and imagining I was travelling away and wanting to get back there.”

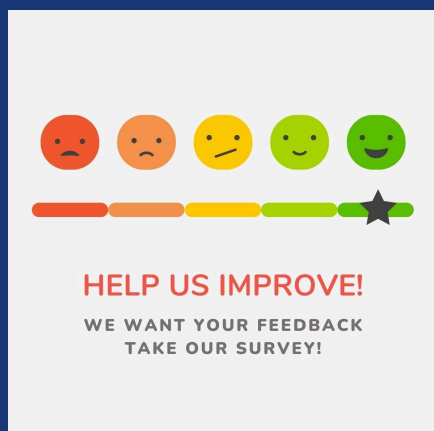
The song featured Great Highland bagpipes played by the Campbeltown Pipe Band from nearby Campbeltown.

McCartney performed the piece in Glasgow, Scotland in 1990, and all over the world including in Melbourne, Australia with the Scotch College Pipe Band.

The refrain of the song was also played at the funeral of Linda McCartney in June 1998.

Scottish-American singer Glen Campbell covered the song on his 1981 album Glen Campbell Live. In concert Campbell would play the bagpipes himself.

[Watch the music video](#)



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