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A Message From Our President

Beannachdan,,

As the council looks towards fresh new ways to bring Scottish culture to the community, our Marketing Director Samantha Hurst and I along with Tom Johnson from Queen City Pipe Band found ourselves at World Compass Academy in Castle Rock.

The school reached out to the Society and enquired if we would be able to attend their Cultural Awareness Day. It was quite a time! Samantha created a slide show and we took turns discussing, Scottish history, Highland Games, Scottish contributions to society and the world, and of course music! Tom was in his element explaining how the bagpipes function and sound as well and how he was introduced to the instrument. The students really enjoyed the interaction, after all, who doesn't like the beautiful atmosphere of the drones at 9:00 in the morning?

There was time for some question and answer discussions between all three assemblies and what I enjoyed the most, was discussing what our Society has to offer. The staff was extremely generous and thankful for our attendance.

It's absolutely critical that as a Society we continue to invest in the youth and the younger generations, steeping them in the tradition and cultivate interest and a sense of belonging. After all, they are our future! We look forward to



more opportunities to share our stories, experiences, and further the Scottish community in Colorado!

Cheers

Jonathan D. Wilson



St. Patrick's Day Parade



The society marched in the annual Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Rocky Mountain Scottish Athletes joined in on the festivities.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartan

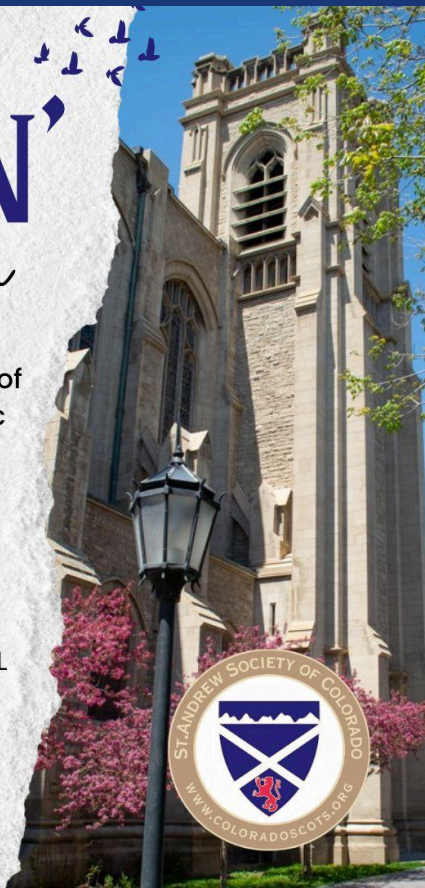
KIRKIN'

O' The Tartan

Join us for the annual tradition of the blessing of the tartan. Music will be provided by Denver & District Pipe Band.

MAY 18, 2025 3 PM

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
1350 WASHINGTON STREET
DENVER, CO 80203



Directions

SASC members will gather before the ceremony and join the opening ceremony procession. Join us at BrewDog Denver afterwards for Happy Hour.

Upcoming Events

- **Ceilidh Dancing** - May 10th (this Saturday!) 4:30 PM Scottish Stained Glass, Centennial
 - Come dressed in your kilt or plaid attire and learn a few dances!

Follow our **Facebook page** for more events that might not make it into the Herald

Highland Happy Hours

- 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** July 11th @ 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 Tartan Day Festival



The Boulder County Fairgrounds played host to another successful Colorado Tartan Day Festival on April 12th and 13th, continuing its annual tradition of celebrating Scottish heritage on the second weekend of April. Under picture-perfect skies, attendees enjoyed a vibrant gathering that brought together numerous Scottish Clans, a diverse array of vendors offering traditional goods, and engaging historical reenactors. The lively atmosphere and pleasant weather ensured a memorable experience for all who came to celebrate the spirit of Scotland in Colorado.



[Buy Tickets Now](#)



Clan Registration is open!

Be sure to register your clan to ensure your space our at out 61st Colorado Highland Games!

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Support the Games

Our Games are run and supported entirely by volunteers and people who support Scottish culture in Colorado. Consider donating today!

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Sign Up For the Colorado Highland Games Newsletter

The sign-up form in at the bottom of the games home page. Don't miss out on the latest news.

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First Happy Hour of 2025!



Thank you to all that came, we have a blast meeting down in Colorado Springs at the Golden Bee!



RMHD Highland Tea Fundraiser





The Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers hosted their annual highland tea fundraiser. It was a fantastic afternoon of performances, tea, and delicious sandwiches and desserts. We wish RMHD all the success in their endeavors this year.

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:

- Heather Baker, Denver



The council meets monthly to review and plan society business.

Elected Members

President - [Jonathan Wilson](#)

Vice-President - [Gillian Faith](#)

Secretary - [Peter Manfredo \(Interim\)](#)

Treasurer - [Steven Chandler](#)

Marketing - [Samantha Hurst](#)

Member-at-Large: [Mike Saunders](#)

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

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

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

Associate Members

Immediate Past Chieftain: [Janet Carroll](#)

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

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

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

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RM Highland Dancers - [EJ Bennet](#)

Scottish Country Dance - [Jamie MacKinnon](#)

Games Marshal - [Heather Miller](#)



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



Clan Feature



CLAN MACKINNON



Crest: A Boar's Head

Motto: Audentes Fortuna Juvat (Latin for "Fortune assists the daring/Fortune favors the bold")

Badge: St. John's Wort & Scotch Pine

Region: Highlands/Caithness/Normandy

Slogan: Cuimhnich bas Alpan

(Gaelic for "Remember the death of Alpin")

Clan Chief: Madam Anne Gunhild MacKinnon of MacKinnon



Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado



Keep Calm & Ceilidh On

Weekly Classes!

Every Sunday 4:30-6:30 pm
Sodal Hall, The Avalon Ballroom
6185 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder
Contact Sandra Somr, 303-524-9487

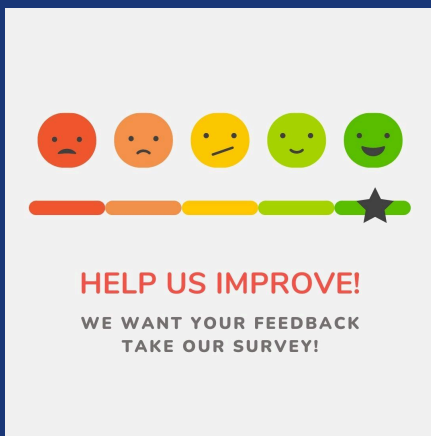
Every Monday (Last class for the Spring is May 19th) 7:15-9PM
St. Peter & St. Mary Episcopal Church
126 W 2nd Ave, Denver, CO 80223
Contact Jamie MacKinnon, 303-451-7466

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St Andrew Society of Colorado

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 interested in a name tag.



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Highland Game Sponsors



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