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## A Message From Our President

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Beannachdan,

I just returned from the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, Georgia and as always, it was a wonderful time. Since 1972, they have showcased an amazing weekend. It's a time for me to connect and network. From a formal cocktail reception, opportunities to view the highland athletics and a chance to share a dram or two with friends who gathered from near and far (to include the standing Drum Major and close friend, Kevin Conquest), the weekend reminded me of one of the key things I love about this Society.



I value the relationships and friendships created here. There is something for everyone and even greater than that, we all share a common interest, one that connects us to other societies, associations and communities here in North America and abroad.

As President of this Society it can be easy to get lost in the process and lose sight of what's important. It is a good thing to be reminded of why I even became part of this diverse community. Young and old who are inspired by Scotland's exciting history, its dancing, music, poets, athletes and so much more, this Society embodies those traditions. I am proud of the things accomplished thus far and eagerly await what's to come.

I thank each and every one of you who supports, encourages and engages in this Society.

Cheers,  
Jonathan D. Wilson  
President,  
St. Andrew Society of Colorado



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## St. Andrew Ceilidh



St. Andrew Ceilidh  
November 15th at 6 PM  
Valley Country Club

[Learn more & get tickets](#)

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## Upcoming Events

- [Annual General Meeting](#) - TODAY - 2 PM Scottish Stained Glass
- [Lecture: Jacobite Scotland](#) - POSTPONED - New Date February 7th at 2 PM
- [St. Andrew Ceilidh](#) - November 15th - Valley Country Club

- [\*\*Lecture: Mary, Queen of Scots\*\*](#) - December 8th Via Zoom - RSVP and we will send you the zoom link
- [\*\*Burns Supper\*\*](#) - January 24th - Registration coming soon

Our website now takes RSVPs to events, to be sure to check out the events page often and sign up for events you plan to attend. This helps us to plan the best events we can for you!

## Events in Colorado

- [\*\*Celtic Women\*\*](#) - Dec 4 7:30 PM Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
- [\*\*Brìghde Chaimbeul at the Bug Theatre\*\*](#) - Nov 18th - Exclusive SASC 25% Off Pricing

Know of other Scottish or Celtic events that we should include here? Email us the details at [info@coloradoscots.com](mailto:info@coloradoscots.com)

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## 2025 Colorado Highland Games



Our 2025 Highland Games were a huge success! We had a 34% increase in attendance and we were approved for another SCFD grant for 2026.

Read more about our games in our first blog post

Save the dates: September 26 & 27, 2026

[Read about it here](#)

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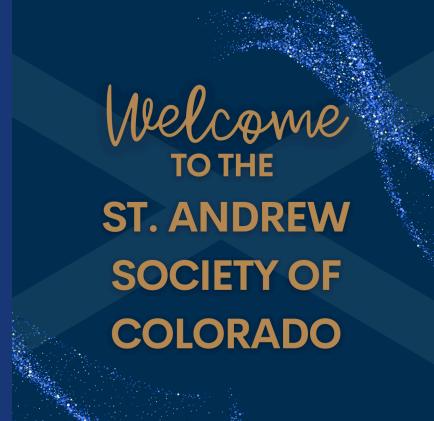
## Ceud Mile Failte

(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:

- Chris & Kathy O'Brien - Parker, CO
- Kathryn McIver-Harris & Desiree Harris - Lakewood, CO
- Julie Edwards - Denver, CO
- Douglas & Gena Cone - Cheyenne, WY
- Braeden Goggans - Colorado Springs, CO





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.

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

Email [info@coloradoscots.com](mailto:info@coloradoscots.com) to learn how to attend.

## Elected Members

President - [Jonathan Wilson](#)

Vice-President - [Gillian Faith](#)

Secretary - [Peter Manfredo](#)

Treasurer - OPEN

Director of Marketing - [Samantha Hurst](#)

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

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

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

Member-at-Large: OPEN

## Associate Members

Immediate Past Chieftain: [Janet Carroll](#)

Membership - [Mike Carroll](#) - looking for trainee

Editor - [Trainee in progress](#)

Web Master - OPEN

Historian - [Kira Johnson](#)

Archivist - OPEN

Heritage Fund/Comptroller - [Larry Hay](#) - looking for comptroller trainee

Colorado Tartan Day - [Matthew Buchanan](#)

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.





Todd Baker  
1977-2025

[Read Todd's Obituary](#)

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## Clan Feature



Clan MacCulloch



**Crest:** A hand throwing a dart Proper  
**Motto:** Vi et animo (by strength & courage)  
**Region:** Galloway, Wigtownshire, and even the northerly outpost of Oban.  
**Clan Chief:** As it no longer has a clan chief, it is an armigerous clan.

## Clan McCulloch

The name "McCulloch" is of Celtic origin, rooted in the rugged landscapes of Scotland. Like many ancient names, the exact derivation is subject to interpretation, but its essence remains consistent strength, resilience, and a fierce spirit. The clan is primarily associated with regions such as Galloway, Wigtownshire, and even the northerly outpost of Oban.

In Gaelic, the name takes on different forms, reflecting the clan's historical presence. The Irish Gaelic "MacGu'uladh," suggesting "son of the Hound of Ulster," resonates with a sense of power and endurance. This anglicizes to "Maccullagh." In Scots Gaelic, "Macculaich" emerges, translated as "son of the boar," symbolizing tenacity and vigor. These variations may be strikingly different, yet they all echo a shared attribute of the clan's ancestors, an unwavering strength.

The McCulloch clan's journey was not without its trials. The family experienced conflicts, both within the clan and with neighboring families. Notably, the Agnews of Lochnaw assumed the role of sheriff of Wigtown, which had once been held by the McCullochs. The clan's retaliatory actions, such as the raid on the Isle of Man in 1507, reveal their determination to defend their interests.



*Bagtown Clans*

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Contact Sandra Somr, 303-524-9487

Every Monday, 7:15-9 PM  
St. Peter & St. Mary Episcopal Church  
126 W 2nd Ave, Denver, CO 80223  
Contact Jamie MacKinnon, 303-451-7466

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## Highland Game Sponsors





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