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# The Pine Tree Highlander

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## ***Ulster Scots Claim Long-Time Residency***

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In the Autumn of 1718, two ships of migrants arrived in Casco Bay, marking the beginning of the first large migration from Ireland to North America. The HMS McCallum and the HMS Robert brought settlers from Ulster in Northern Ireland. These ships carried the ancestors of many modern residents of Maine.

In recognition of the 300th anniversary of this arrival, Lois Galgary Reckitt, Maine State Representative for District 31 (herself of Scottish descent) presented a Joint Resolution recognizing the Scotch-Irish Migrants of 1718 to Dr. Mary Drymon-DeRose of The 1718 Project at the site on the Fore River in South Portland where the HMS Robert had docked 300 years ago. The ship became frozen in the ice during the bitterly cold winter of 1718-1719, with many families remaining aboard until the spring.

The presentation ceremony was attended by descendants of some of those settlers and other interested participants of Scots and Irish descent. David McCausland, wearing his familial Buchanan Tartan kilt and Nancy Tudor represented their ancestor, Robert passenger James McCausland. George Pulkkinen, official piper of the St. Andrews Society of Maine (and pipe major, Dunlap Highland Band) provided

authentic Scottish music. Nick DeRose, Josh Drymon, and Adrian Dowling, former Chairperson of the South Portland Arts and Historical Preservation committee also attended.

Dr. DeRose read a list of the names of those who overwintered in Maine and Ms. Reckitt read the following:

**“JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF THE SCOTCH-IRISH MIGRANTS OF 1718 ON THE OCCASION OF**

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An English sailing vessel of the period. Imagine spending the winter aboard, ice-locked in frozen Casco Bay.

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## THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ARRIVAL:

WHEREAS, October 2018 marks the 300th anniversary of the arrival in Casco Bay of 2 ships, the HMS McCallum and the HMS Robert, carrying a large group of immigrants from the north of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the HMS Robert anchored in the Fore River off the coast of what is now South Portland and the HMS McCallum discharged settlers in the area of Merrymeeting Bay; and

WHEREAS, Maine has many descendants of these settlers and later immigrants from the north of Ireland, who brought with them a unique worldview, language and musical culture that enriched and influenced Maine's development; and

WHEREAS, the settlers brought with them fundamental beliefs in representative democracy and in freedom of religion, as they had been persecuted in Scotland and Ireland for their Presbyterian faith; and

WHEREAS, they planted some of the first field crops of potatoes to be grown in New England, an agricultural product that has played a key role in the State's economic development; and

WHEREAS, they brought with them a knowledge of textile production, having participated in the linen manufacturing trade in Ireland, and helped establish important textile manufacturing industries in Maine; and

WHEREAS, these settlers and their descendants participated fully in Maine's local militias and the descendants have participated in all military activities in which the United States has been involved since 1776; and

WHEREAS, these settlers and their descendants have produced many significant legislative and political figures who have played important roles in the history of the State and there have been at least 20 American Presidents with Scotch-Irish ancestry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize in October 2018 the contributions of the Scotch-Irish in Maine and the Tricentennial of the Arrival of the 1718 Migrants."

A crowdfunding project is currently being planned which will allow people of Scotch-Irish ancestry and other interested people interested in participating in the 300th Anniversary to contribute towards research and the installation of a permanent

marker at the Robert Arrival Site on Robert Cove in South Portland. The suggested donation will be \$17.18.

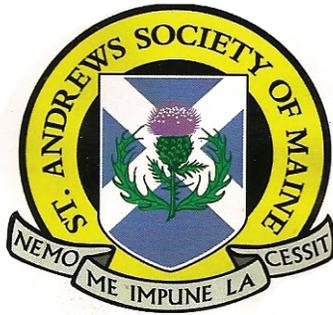
For more information email:

[The1718project@yahoo.com](mailto:The1718project@yahoo.com)

# Saint Andrews Society of Maine

## 2019 Schedule of Events

- Saturday April 6-           **Learn to Curl with the Pine Tree Curling Club**  
Trough Arena, 225 Park Ave. Portland  
Saturday April 6, (7-9pm)  
**FREE** to St. Andrews Society Members  
(Limited to the first 40 people to sign up)  
*to sign up contact:*  
Renee Jones, Membership Secretary  
St. Andrews Society of Maine  
207-699-6569.     r\_m\_jones@hotmail.com
- Saturday April 13-       **Tartan Days**  
Boothbay Railway Museum  
Boothbay, Maine.   (10:00-2:00)
- Saturday July 6-         **Ft. Knox Tattoo**  
Ft. Knox, Maine  
(6-7:30pm)
- Friday August 16-       **Gathering of the Clans Ceilidh**  
Topsham Fairgrounds  
Topsham, Maine  
(6:30pm)
- Saturday August 17-     **Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival**  
Topsham Fairgrounds  
Topsham, Maine  
(Gates open 8:00 am).   (Opening Ceremony 11:00am)
- Sunday November 10-   **Kirkin' O' the Tartan**  
Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church  
84 Main Street  
Topsham, Maine  
(10:10 am)



The St. Andrews Society of Maine is proud to announce

## ***Clan Donnachaidh Society***



*(Duncan - Reid - Robertson)*

as the Honored Clan for the  
***2019 Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival***

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

**Saturday, August 17, 2019**

**8:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Topsham Fairgrounds in Topsham, Maine**  
**Note: Friday, August 16th @ 6:30 pm is our annual Ceilidh, free and open to all.**  
***Come celebrate your heritage with us!***

*For more information, contact George Newell, SASME Clan Secretary ([gen81465@yahoo.com](mailto:gen81465@yahoo.com))*

## And Who Is Clan Donnachaidh...?

As stated by the eminent historian, William F. Skene in 1837, “The Robertsons of Struan are unquestionably the oldest family in Scotland, being the sole remaining branch of that Royal House of Atholl which occupied the throne of Scotland during the 11th and 12th centuries.”

Clan Donnachaidh meaning “The children of Duncan,” emerged from the union of the Scottish and Pictish kingdoms. The name comes from the Gaelic word “clann” meaning child and “Donnachaidh” the Gaelic spelling of the name Duncan. Our ancestors were known to the Romans as the Kaledonioi, or Caledonia, one of eleven tribes in the northern Pictish nation. They inhabited the area now known as Atholl in Perthshire. They were the only race in Europe that could not be defeated by Imperial Rome.

The Clan descends from King Malcolm II, who reigned from 1005 to 1034. He was the last king in the direct male line to descend from Kenneth MacAlpine, who united the Scots and the Picts in 843 A.D. and is considered to be the founder of Scotland. After Malcolm’s murder, his grandson became King Duncan II, who in turn was murdered by MacBeth (of Shakespearean fame). Duncan’s son, Malcolm, went on to kill MacBeth and became King Malcolm III Ceann Mor (Canmore.) During his 37 year reign the first events now known as Highland Games were held to choose the best available men to serve as his soldiers.

The first Chief of the Clan was Duncan or Donnachaidh Reamhair, or Duncan the Stout (stout in battle rather than in belly), a famous fighter and strong supporter of Robert the Bruce. He commanded a force of 2,000 at the famous Battle of Bannockburn, June, 24, 1314, along-side the Bruce, against the army of Edward II.

The Robertson crest badge of a dexter hand holding an imperial crown was awarded by King James II to honor our fourth Chief Robert Ruabh Duncanson (the Grizzled) on August 15, 1451 as a reward for capturing the assassins of King James I in 1437. It is from this Chief that his descendants and many of his clan folk took the name “Robert’s sons” or Robertson. His lands were erected into the free feudal barony of Struan at this time and he was given the Clan motto “Virtutis Gloria Merces” which means “Glory is the Reward of Valour”. Prior to this Crown charter, the clan lands were held as vassals of the Earls of Atholl. As a result, the Clan Crest portrays a dexter hand supporting an imperial crown.

With the exception of royalty, no one else in Europe is permitted to display an imperial crown as a crest. The Clan plant badges are the bracken fern and fine leafed heath, which are common in the clan territory on the southern side of Loch Rannoch. The Clan war cry “Garg’n Uair Dhuisgear” is Gaelic for “Fierce when Roused”. This war cry relates back to the Chief’s coat of arms of three silver wolf heads on a blood red shield supported by a serpent and a dove. These supporters identify the origin of the clan as being descendants of Saint Columba. In Scots heraldry, the dove or columba signifies descent from this Saint. Crinan’s, the Abbot of Dunkeld, descent from Saint Columba is recognized on the counter-seal of Dunkeld Cathedral, which shows Saint Columba enthroned on two wolves. King Alexander III’s privy seal also contains the serpent and dove supporters with the proverb “be wise as the serpent and gentle as the dove.”

## Learn to Curl, no, not your tresses

The Pine Tree Curling Club in Portland is generously offering a free learn to curl workshop to all current members of the St. Andrews Society. Ever since the U.S won the gold medal in curling at the Olympics last year, interest in curling had been growing. Come and try one of Scotland's oldest sports, and see what all the fun is about. No special equipment is needed. All ages are welcome. See the information below for the details. Good Curling!

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**Saturday April 6, from 7-9pm**

at the Troubh Arena  
225 Park Avenue Portland, Maine  
(no special equipment required)

to sign up contact: Renee Jones,  
Membership Secretary  
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## TARTAN DAY APRIL 13

Boothbay Railway Village and Saint Andrews Society of Maine invite the public to join them in celebrating Tartan Day on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Musicians will play and sing Scottish songs, dancers will demonstrate Scottish country dance and invite the public to join in, harp and bagpipes will be played, and Scottish textile arts of kilt-building, weaving, and spinning will be demonstrated. Vendors will have Scottish crafts for sale. The event is held at Boothbay Railway Village and is free with a suggested \$5 donation. Boothbay Railway Village, 586 Wiscasset Road (Route 27), Boothbay, Maine.

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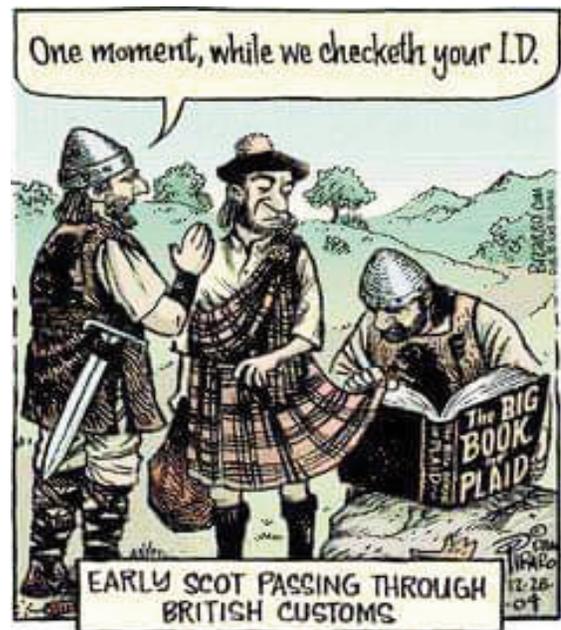
As you know, a lot of small lights together make for a big glow. You and/or your business can be that light that will help support the Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Sponsorship levels start at \$100 and go from there. If you are a business, you will get a link on our website for a year and an ad in our newspaper insert before the Games along with being highlighted on Game day - what more can you want!!! If you are an individual, just think how good you will feel helping the Games.

For more information on sponsoring, check [mainehighlandgames.org](http://mainehighlandgames.org) and click on sponsorships to find the levels. Or contact Pat Tillotson ([pstillotson@gmail.com](mailto:pstillotson@gmail.com)) or Darlene Miller ([dmiller4259@gmail.com](mailto:dmiller4259@gmail.com)) and information will be sent to you. Can't wait to include you in our Sponsorship list.



Back in 2012, then-SASME President Ron Thurston created an award to recognize a Society member who had been especially helpful, really had gone beyond what could be expected from a member. The first winner was Scot Andrews. Since then the following winners have been selected: Darlene Miller in 2013, Kelly Logan-Barclay in 2014, Alison Tostevin in 2015, Ruth Shaw in 2016, and Games Chair Corey Gilpatrick in 2017. Recipient for 2018 is Renee Jones, shown here receiving the trophy from Society President Roy Murdoch at the March Board meeting.

***Dougie MacLean in Concert***  
***An Evening with Dougie MacLean***  
*Noted Scots Songwriter/Performer*  
 Hear the man who wrote *Caledonia*  
 and *The Gael*, among many others  
 Wednesday, April 10  
 Windham Performing Arts Center  
 406 Gray Road, (Route 202)  
 Windham, ME 04062  
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## **Highland Games Featured in the next Pine Tree Highlander**

Your Highland Games Committee has lined up a tremendous variety of quality entertainment for your enjoyment at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Maine Highland Games and Scottish Festival. In addition to the sound of the Pipes and Drums, the exciting music of the Tartan Terrors and Elizabeth and Ben Anderson's enchanting tunes on the strings, Fiddlers' Glen will be alive with performers including Charlie Zahm, Andrea Beaton and Troy MacGillivray, Bob McCormick and harper Jo Morrison.

Look for extensive information on all these performers – and more – in the Summer issue of The Pine Tree Highlander, in your mailbox come June. This is going to be a really big show!