

Jaeame I. Koyil, President

November 2016

President's Letter

I hope to see you all on the 26th at our Ball!! We are very proud that the Australian Consul General Oldfield will be joining us as our Honored Guest this year.



Chris Oldfield, Council General of Australia.



President Koyil with the president of the St. Andrew's Society of Oakland at their annual ball.

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Remembrance, Gratitude and Thanksgiving

By David Campbell, 1st VP

This past Sunday afternoon (November 13th) several members of the Society were fortunate to have participated in The Royal British Legion's 38th Annual Service of Remembrance at majestic Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

The written program began: "Welcome to Grace Cathedral. For many years a Festival of Remembrance has been held each November in the Royal Albert Hall in London. This afternoon's service is based on that traditional event. In this service of music and prayer, we remember those of every nation who gave their lives to defend the principles of freedom and justice."

The aforementioned participating St. Andrew's Society members included: President Jaeame Koyil who offered the Second Reading from Luke 6; Fred Rutledge & Roger Weed representing the Royal Canadian Legion; Herald Bill Jagers, Allen Cary, Kristian Mullins, and David Campbell walking as part of the Color Guard; and Executive Assistant Susan Goodier who was also present on behalf of the Society. Special thanks to Caledonians Davie Scott and Willie Hardie who were graciously willing to walk with us in helping to complete our Color Guard.

The Very Reverend Dr. Malcolm C. Young presided as Dean, The Venerable Malcolm H. Manson officiated, and new



Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

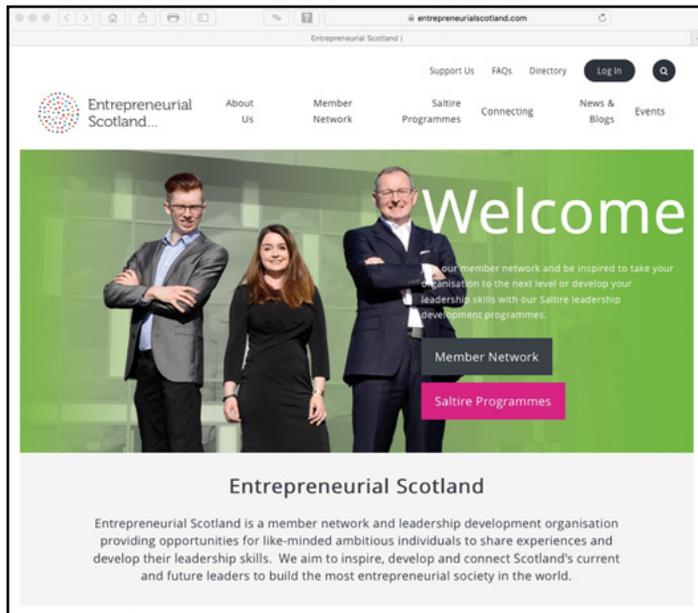
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President's Letter

The pace of activity is picking up as we approach the Holiday season. I enjoyed the St. Andrew's of Oakland Ball last week. They had 180 attending and a very young crowd!

The Remembrance Day at Grace was resplendant as always and many thanks to Bill Jaggars for leading our color guard which represented us very well.



Several St. A Officers recently met with representatives from **Entrepreneurial Scotland** which promotes young Scotts to come to the US for internships and they foot part of the cost. Their brochure is in this newsletter. If your organization could use a very bright intern over the summer—This group will be a good contact!

Alba gu brath,

Jacame I. Koyil

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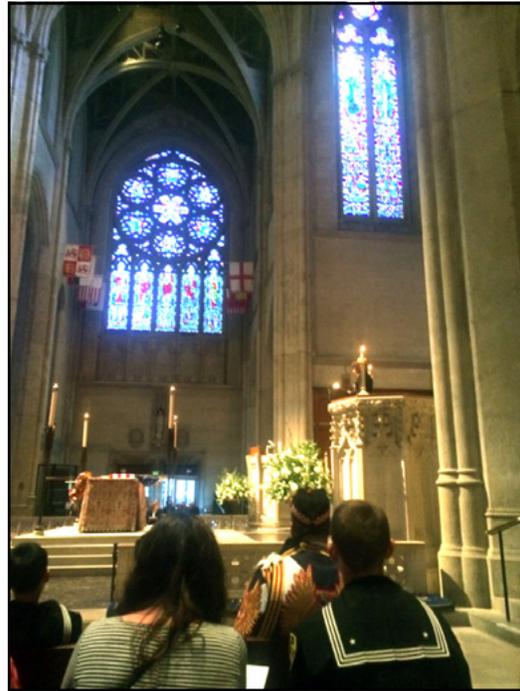
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Remembrance

British Consul General to San Francisco Andrew Whittaker read the Royal Greeting from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



The Royal British Legion's 38th Annual Service of Remembrance at majestic Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

The Very Reverend Dr. Alan Jones, OBE grounded the service with his offering of Homily - which was both solemn and somber. He opened with the famous words of American Novelist William Faulkner from his *Requiem for a Nun*: "The past is never dead. It's not even past." On the themes of culture, soul, amnesia, and religion—Reverend Jones went on to link several compelling and moving observations: that 'our modern culture is longing for soul'; that "true religion is true remembrance;" and finally that 'amnesia is a sin of the soul.'

Naturally, no Remembrance Service would be complete without a recitation of *In Flanders Fields*, written by Canadian Major John McCrae (1872 – 1918).

***In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!***

***Take up your quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields***

After a bugling of *The Last Post*, a call and response reading of The Remembrance was performed:

Leader *"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.*

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them."

(from Laurence Binyan's *For the Fallen*)

All *"We will remember them"*

Leader *"When you go home*

Tell them of us and say

For your tomorrow we gave our today" (Kohima Epitaph)

Before the final Blessing, Reveille is bugled... and then set to the Dunvegan Pipe Band arrangement of *Amazing Grace*—the poppies shall fall.

Unforgettable...that we may until next year's Remembrance Service—always remember!

The Path Less Taken

By Stephen Armstrong

Just off the well-beaten tourist trails and often ignored on the pages of travel books, there are overlooked attractions with the power to both amuse and beguile.

If you can judge a man by his words, it I would be an adventure to travel with Carl Sandburg. “Nearly all the best things that came to me in life have been unexpected, unplanned;” he said, although to be fair, he wasn’t necessarily talking about travel, and certainly not about Scotland. But it is that unexpected surprise on the way to somewhere else, that last-minute, perhaps impulsive, side trip, that can add delight to travels and expand the dimensions of a day. Scotland has no shortage of the amazing and wondrous, thoughtfully signposted by the local tourist authorities, but don’t forget to occasionally look off the beaten path as well.

1. Buckie House

Alexander Batchelor from the Fife fishing village of Anstruther clearly got carried away. He was a slater and plasterer, described by Robert Louis Stevenson as an “agreeable eccentric,” who had a fondness for shells. Or perhaps it was more of an obsession. After he bought his 1692 house in the mid 19th century, Batchelor started covering the exterior wall with scallop and razor shells, limpets, whelks, topshells and periwinkles. He then moved inside, decorating his bedroom with buckies, as seashells are called locally ... and not stopping with the walls, but covering the ceiling as well, creating a room he called the “grotto.” Batchelor proudly advertised tours of his house for three pence ... and for an extra penny, he would lie in the shell-decorated coffin he had also made for his final rest. The house, at 2 High Street West opposite Anstruther Wester Town Hall, is now a private residence but its exterior still draws second looks.



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2. The Hundy Mundy

If the world existed in only two dimensions, this would be a castle of spectacular bearing. But, in fact, it is that most frivolous of architectural endeavors, the folly, created merely for decoration ... to amuse and amaze. Rising from the landscape to the south of Mellerstain House in the Borders, which is owned by the Earls of Haddington, the Hundy Mundy was designed by William Adam, founder of the famous family of architects, and named after a horse owned by the 12th Earl. It was built in a Gothic style, a tall, arched structure, flanked by square turrets and pointed finials. And all these centuries later, it is still fulfilling its original mission ... to provide the dominant focal point in the designed landscape.

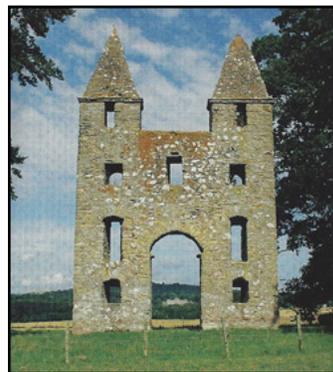


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3. The Moffat Ram

The story goes that William Brodie, the sculptor of the Moffat Ram as well as the more famous Greyfriars Bobby statue in Edinburgh, still haunts the Annandale Arms Hotel, which overlooks Moffat town centre. He hung himself in the hotel on what should have been a day of triumph. Brodie’s unraveling began at the dramatic moment of his sculpture’s first public viewing in 1875. Just as businessman William Colvin dramatically pulled the covering away to reveal the blackfaced ram, Colvin’s gift to the town and a fitting tribute to Moffat’s long history of sheep rearing, a local farmer not versed in artistic license shouted out that the ram “had nae lugs [ears].” And, indeed, it did not. It was all too much for the temperamental artist, who ended it all that very same day ... and is said to still wander the corridors off the hotel in search of the missing pieces of anatomy.



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4. The Craigentiny Marbles

Of course, there are the world-famous Elgin Marbles, ancient sculptures extracted (some say plundered) from the Parthenon by Thomas Bruce, the 7th Earl of Elgin, in the early 19th century. But on the Craigentiny Crescent off Portobello Road in Edinburgh, nestled incongruously among the 1930s bungalows, are the Craigentiny Marbles, two enormous two stone carvings depicting scenes from the Bible, which decorate the massive, pedimented Roman mausoleum for William Henry Miller. Miller was a prosperous landowner, inheriting Craigentiny house and estates from his father, and also a Member of Parliament. It must be said, too, that he was an eccentric. His last will and testament specified not only that he be buried beneath the grand monument he designed for himself, but also that the coffin should rest at the bottom of a 40-foot, stone-lined shaft and covered by a heavy slab. Why the fuss? Speculation at the time was that the reclusive Miller was actually a woman, and this was his or her way to hide the secret for all eternity. Or, perhaps, more likely but infinitely less scandalous, it was merely to deter local grave robbers.

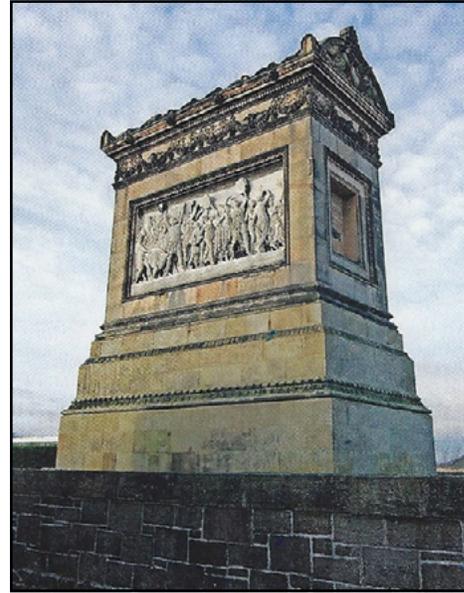


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5. The Lincluden Rhinos

This story begins in the 1980s, admittedly not a good time for civic rejuvenation in Scotland. Officials of Lincluden, a suburb of Dumfries, asked for suggestions on how best to use a £1,500 arts grant to improve the community. The invitation thoroughly engaged the children from local schools, who decided that a rhinoceros on the top of a much-used bus shelter was just the ticket. Perhaps even more remarkably, and despite the universal impulse of elected officials to avoid any hint of whimsy, the suggestion was accepted and artist Robbie Coleman was commissioned to create a fiberglass bus stop rhino. But the story does not end there. When road-works required removal of the sculpture in favor of a roundabout, it was placed in storage, presumably to be forgotten. But locals missed their rhino and lobbied for its return. So now, standing atop a mock bus shelter on a grassy expanse on Priory Avenue is the noble beast, now kept company by a newly added calf.

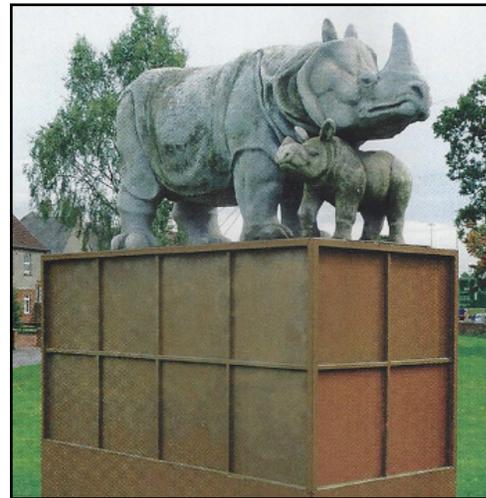


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6. The Round Church

In 1767 when Kilarrow Parish Church in Bowmore on the Isle of Islay was built, the devil was a top-of-mind concern. More specifically, keeping him away from the church and the good people inside. And so it was decided to remove all corners in which he might hide. Today, the Round Church at the head of High Street still dominates the village and the innovative architecture required to eliminate corners—a central oak pillar some 19 inches in diameter—gives the church a deceptively modern appearance. More importantly, as far as anyone knows, the design has been working as promised ever since.

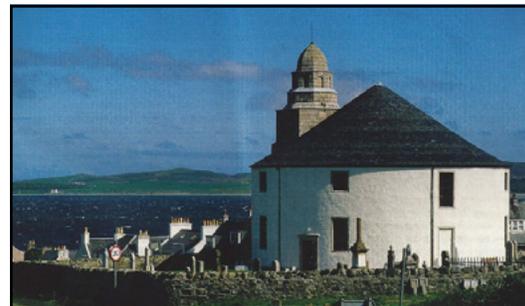


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Stephen Armstrong began his career as an editor at a daily newspaper before going on to teach. Now retired, he enjoys traveling and recounting his experiences to anyone who will listen.

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Pipe Band
Peninsula Fiddlers (Peninsula
Scottish Fiddlers)

Formal or Highland Dress
Recommended

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Burns Supper

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

Save the date for the annual commemoration of the
anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns
with a traditional Burns Night Supper.

at

The Family

545 Powell St., San Francisco

6:00 PM: No Host Cocktails

7:00 PM: Dinner & Entertainment

Formal Attire Encouraged

For enquiries contact Francesca McCrossan (2nd VP) at:
2ndVP@saintandrewssocietysf.org

Tickets will be available through the Society's website,
saintandrewssociety.org, beginning in December.



Robert Burns
(1759–1796)

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Non-Members: \$100 per person / \$190 per couple
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Please indicate name & meal selection: Beef, Salmon or Vegetarian.

Name _____	Selection _____



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Registration Deadline: Sunday November 20th

November 14, 2016

Dear St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco,

A new, unique book, **Piping Hot! Tales of a Wandering Bagpiper** is now available!

Piping Hot! takes you into the world of bagpiping and around the globe. The author, Susan Hadley Planck, was able to weave together her love of travel with her love of bagpiping. This book is a one-of-a-kind for those who have intimate experiences with bagpipes, love the skirl of the bagpipes, have Scottish-Irish roots, or just enjoy reading strange stories of travel. She relates engaging stories of travel and piping from the top of Mt. Fuji in Japan to the Great Wall of China, at the base of Mt. Fitzroy in South America or the streets of Edinburgh, marching with 10,000 pipers in the 2000 Millennium parade, sharing her humorous and zany adventures mixing Scottish Highland bagpipes with other cultures.

As a member of the City of Denver Pipe Band for over 15 years, Susan offers insights into the antics of bagpipe bands, competitions, piper personalities, and gigs of all kinds. The book resonates with bagpipers, bagpipe lovers and travelers alike.

Andrew Wright, a two-time world gold-medal winner and the world's foremost authority on piobaireachd, the classical music of the bagpipe, opined, "All through the book the excitement of being involved with the pipe and its music comes through, and this, coupled with well-observed local detail at all locations, makes the book a great pleasure to read."

You can order on Amazon.com, susanplanck.com, or email plancksusan@gmail.com.

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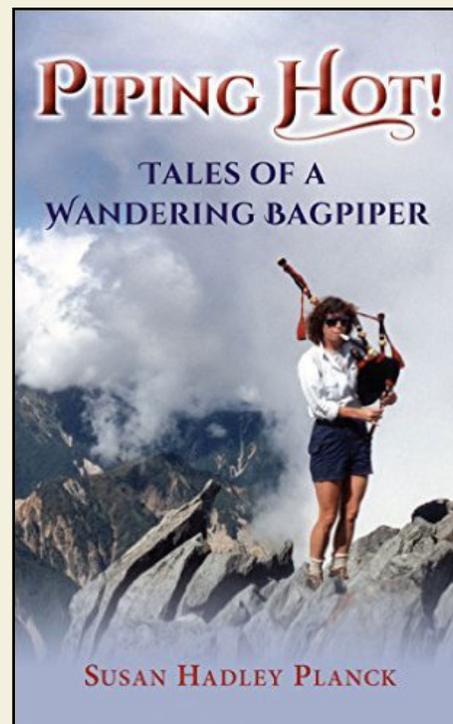
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Stewart Tartan Pipes & Drums

For this holiday season the Stewart Tartan Pipes & Drums band have a couple of upcoming performances.

A SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS AT SAINT ANDREW'S

Saturday, December 3, 2016

3:00PM – 4:45PM

Our annual Free concert to be held at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga. Stewart Tartan, San Jose School of Scottish Dance, Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers will be appearing!

A SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Saturday, December 10, 2016

3:00PM – 4:45PM

Our second Scottish Christmas Concert will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos.
1106 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos, CA 94070

For more information please visit www.stewarttartan.com





To whom it may concern,

We are running an archaeological field school in the Scottish Highlands in June next year. Participants will be involved in researching, surveying and recording a series of historical and archaeological sites associated with the Jacobite rebellions and Highland Clearances of 18th Century Scotland. Training will be provided in archaeological recording practices including historical analyses, map regression, archaeological field survey, technical drawing, photography, building recording and GIS. I have attached [full details of the field school](#) and an [application form](#) and would appreciate if you could forward this to your archaeology department mailing list or anyone you think may find it useful. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me, you can find more information on our organisation at www.harparchaeology.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.



Best wishes
Ilan Hill



BURNS Supper 2017

Dear St. Andrew's Society Members,

Make plans now to attend the **PBFSCO Burns Supper** on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Pleasanton Marriott.

Our 23rd annual tribute to Robert Burns, the bard of Scotland, features *Caliban* and a special recitation of *Tam O'Shanter* by Juliet Davoren. Learn more about *Caliban* at www.tempestmusic.com/html/caliban.html.

To see the flyer for Burns Supper details and a reservation form to send in with your check visit the PBFSCO website.

To see the flyer for Burns Supper details and reservation form to send in with your check and also to make your reservation & payment online visit the PBFSCO website at www.pbfSCO.org or at Brown Paper Tickets: burns2017.brownpapertickets.com

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott for \$104 + tax, breakfast included. Reserve your room online: [Marriott Burns Supper Reservation](#), or call the Pleasanton Marriott at 925.847.6000 and ask for Burns Supper block.

Kindly forward this e-mail to your friends, family and organization membership. We look forward to seeing you on January 28th.

Yours aye,
Steve Lind

Dear Friends of Scotland and Celtic Heritage Enthusiasts,

Come join us **Nov. 19th at 7:00PM** for a trip through Wonderland "Scottish Style" – featuring Scottish Highland and Country Dancers, Solo Piper: Bruce Cotter and The Macintosh Pipe Band.

This is an evening of live Scottish music and dance. There will be a Scottish tea party with wonderful, home baked goodies, and a raffle.

All proceeds benefit the San Jose School of Highland dancing and its various programs in the Bay Area. [For more information please visit our website.](#)

Tickets purchased before November 7, 2016— Adults: \$15.00, Youths 5–12 years old: \$10.00, Children under 5 years old: free

Tickets purchased after November 7, 2016— Adults: \$20.00, Youths 5–12 years old: \$15.00, Children under 5 years old: free

Highland Cheers! – Sharon McEwan



Hello St. Andrew's Society Members:

We had an a brilliant time at Asilomar this October, with nearly 250 attendees! The masked Ball Saturday night was especially fun. Thanks to members of the St Andrew's Society of San Francisco in helping us get the word out about our Asilomar Weekend.

We thought that some of your members might like to know about the RSCDS San Francisco Branch's upcoming **Valentine's Ball**.

This is a gala event at the Scottish Rite Center, Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA, near Lake Merritt, not far from San Francisco! The Ball is a truly festive event when we'll don our best gowns and tartan, and gather to celebrate our love of dance.

Attendees arrive early for the pre-ball Sherry Social and linger for the lite After-Ball Buffet. The Valentine's Ball will be held **Saturday, February 11, 2017, 6:30pm – midnight**. With music by the fabulous Reel of Seven, it's the perfect way to welcome the return of Spring, and is one of the highlights on our Branch's Dance Calendar.

We are now accepting registrations. We've attached a registration form/flyer for you and your members. Or if you prefer, the **registration form** can also be downloaded from our website.

All the best,

Charlotte Greig
Asilomar Weekend Marketing Chairman
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Questions? Please contact:
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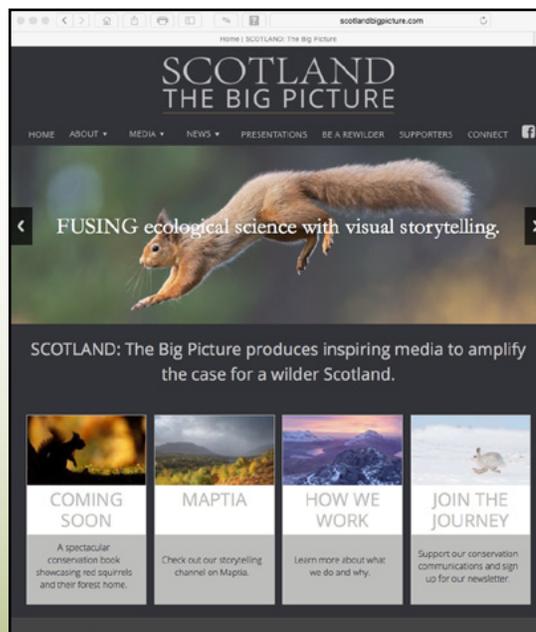
Dear St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco:

I thought some of your members would be interested in this great project from my affiliates in Scotland. We would appreciate it if you could circulate this email to anyone who would like to know more about the nature and wildlife featured in *Scotland: The Big Picture* and the limited offer to be a part of this beautiful book.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you have a great weekend!
Sincerely,

Leah Juarez, Director

Visit us on the web at **Scotland: The Big Picture**



Meeting & Events Schedule

Date	Event / Topic	Location / Notes
2016		
Mon. Nov. 21	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. Nov. 26	153rd Annual Banquet & Ball	Marine's Hotel, SF
Mon. Dec. 19	No Meeting due to Hogmanay Potluck on 12/31	
Sat. Dec. 31	Hogmanay Celebration.....	1088 Green St., SF
2017		
Mon. Jan. 16	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
	<i>Inauguration of 2017 Office Bearers</i>	
Sat. Jan. 21	Annual Burns Supper (The Family)	545 Powell St., SF
Mon. Feb. 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Mar. 20	Member Meeting	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 1	Tartan Day Scottish Faire	Ardenwood, Fremont
Mon. April 17	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. April 22	John Muir Day / Earth Day celebration.....	Martinez, CA
Mon. May 15	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. June 19	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sat. July 8	Summer Ceilidh	Encinal Yacht Club
Mon. July 17	Summer Break – no meeting	
Mon. Aug. 21	Summer Break – no meeting	
Sept. 2–3	Caledonian Club's 151st Highland Games & Gathering	Pleasanton, CA
Mon. Sept. 18	Member's Dinner.....	1088 Green St., SF
Mon. Oct. 16	Member Meeting.....	1088 Green St., SF
Sun. Nov. 12	Remembrance Day Service.....	Grace Cathedral, SF

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Membership Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:30 P.M. Light supper served before the meeting. (Free valet parking is provided for members' meetings. MUNI: one block east of Hyde St. cable car).

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