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SCHEDULE OF Coming EVENTS

• 26 January, 2019 Robbie Burns Nicht
• 3 March 2019 Annual Meeting
• July 14, Kirkin O’th Tartan, Mosquitoville

Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.

Romantic or Real: the Ossian Legacy

The distance between the romantic myths of Scotland, including the Ossian tales of James Macpherson, and its reality will be examined for the major show Wild and Majestic: Romantic Visions of Scotland.

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SCOTS CASTLES: FYVIE CASTLE, ABERDEENSHIRE.

Fyvie was originally built at a mustering point where King Robert I, The Bruce, held open air court. Some historians argue that the original building was commenced by William The Lion in 1211. But following the Battle of Otterburn in 1390, the property was lost to the Crown, and belonged successively to five noble families: Preston, Meldrum, Seton, Gordon, and Leith, each of whom contributed a tower to the fabric. The Preston tower is on the right in the view above, built before 1425. Seton tower at the entrance dates to 1599 built by Alexander Seton. Other early parts include a grand ceremonial staircase and a great wheel stair.

During the Civil Wars, Montrose repelled the Covenant Army on 28 October, 1644. Scottish industrialist Alexander Leith purchased the property in 1885, and introduced extensive landscaping and complete restoration of the structure. His descendants sold the property to the National Trust in 1984. Among the attractions is a walled garden of Scottish Cultivated Fruits. The castle is open to tourists for a fee as part of National Trust for Scotland. <www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/fyvie-castle>

Tour the Highlands in Comfort and Style

Advertised in the Wall St. Journal on December 1, 2018 is a special holiday opportunity. “The most indulgent way to explore Scotland isn’t riding the rails on the Belmond Royal Scotman—it’s booking the whole train for you and yours. Up to 40 passengers can bed down in the marquetry paneled cabins, book massages in the spa, feast on local seafood in the dining cars and watch the heather Highlands slip by while nursing one of the 50+ whiskies stocked on board. Create a custom itinerary, touring the country’s best whiskey distilleries or playing a different golf course each day—or both. From £100,000 per day for two-night charter. <belmond.com>”

Connect to the St Andrews FaceBook page, of which Bret McLay is the monitor. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/vtsaintandrews/>. The Society has experimented with a closed group Facebook page for communications among the Officers and Directors. It will be open by invitation. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/575290872653373/> Ask to Friend either or both.

Note: The St. Andrews web site has a short URL, <www.SASVT.org> which takes you to the same website as the longer version.