



# The Carolina Piper

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES



John & Susan Alexander,  
Anne & George Ramsay



Joe, Betsy & Ella  
Ann Ramsey



Bill & Ann Snyder,  
John Ramsay



Heyward Armstrong  
& Jed McMillan



Grover Gore &  
Bill Snyder



Kamron & Clem  
Monroe



Betsy & Frank King,  
Stagg & Randy Madry



Bob Collier &  
Tom Badger



Becky King &  
Sue Ramsay



Pipe Major



Fred & Clem Monroe, Tommy Kincaid,  
John & Ebbie Monroe



The Winning  
Sheaf Toss



Jim Laughridge &  
Granddaughter  
Annie Buchannan



Larry Hamilton  
& Beth Traynham

## SCOTLAND COUNTY HIGHLAND GAMES



McKenzie Clan



Lonnie McCaskill  
& Franklin Wyatt



Sara Jane &  
Dan Pate



Fayetteville Independent Light  
Infantry presents arms



Jim & Anne Samsel



Bob Campbell



Ches Crow  
displays  
Coat of Arms

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



### BOARD & LEADERSHIP CHANGES:

I would like to begin my tenure by thanking **Hal Hyde** for two outstanding years as President of the St. Andrew's Society of North Carolina. His guidance has solidified our position as the premier Scottish organization in the State and one of the most prestigious in the

nation. We look forward to his continued high level of involvement in the society.

**Larry McNeill** is also retiring as Treasurer. We thank Larry for his service and look forward to his continued involvement in the society.

**Alan Donaldson, Jim Samsel, Bill Allison III and Ken McArthur** are going

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## 2010 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE QUAICH

presented to William David Snyder and Judge Robert Alvis Collier, Jr.



Bill Snyder receives the 2010 Distinguished Service Quaich



Bob Collier receives the Distinguished Service Quaich from John Ramsay



Julia and Michelle Coble, together with George Birrell and George Ramsay, entertain at Grandfather Mountain with poetry and song.



Julia Coble



Michelle Coble



George Birrell



George Ramsay

Danny Infantino, a nationally known classical guitarist and Seren Lyerly, a violinist and Moore County native will perform at the St. Andrews Dinner.

Danny Infantino is a guitarist of exceptional talent and sensitivity. Born and raised in New York City, he has performed extensively in such places as New York, Arizona, Bermuda, Connecticut, on cruise ships, and in North Carolina where he now resides. Danny holds a Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance from the University of South Carolina. His first solo recording, *Songs Without Words*, was released in 1993. He currently has eleven CD recordings, three that feature his solo guitar playing and arrangements. Danny's recorded music has been featured on national television and radio.



Danny Infantino

"Few musicians could so thoughtfully and seamlessly combine such diverse international works. Nowhere else on earth will you find the operatic melody 'O mio caro' by Puccini and two concertos by Vivaldi woven so eloquently together with the blues classic 'House of the Rising Sun,' the Brazilian bossa nova styled 'Danny's Bossa' and the Celtic classic 'Danny Boy!'"

David Carpenter, *PineStraw Magazine*.

Seren Lyerly is a native of Moore County. She graduated from Sandhills Community College last spring as a music major and has played the violin for twelve years.



Seren Lyerly

Danny and Seren will be performing a variety of Celtic tunes and songs at the St. Andrews Dinner on December 4, 2010. It will be a special program. Don't miss it!

## BIRTHDAY AND SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributors from July 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010:

Total: \$5,359.00 Goal for 2010-2011: \$10,000

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CONTINUED:

off the board after 3 years of service. We thank them for their service and look forward to their continued involvement in our society.

### GRANDFATHER GAMES:

The Blowing Rock Country Club & Grandfather Games dinner attracted our largest crowd ever. Many thanks to **Judge Bob Collier, Jr.** for arranging the club facilities and dinner. Also, many thanks to **John Ramsay** for arranging the entertainment and to his brother **George Ramsay** for his remarkable participation. American Idol is a second rate production compared to what went on at our dinner.

**Jed McMillan** and **Heyward Armstrong** handled the field arrangements at the games. They have done an outstanding job for the past several years. This can be a difficult, time consuming job. Everything went well, as usual, and we appreciate their dedication and effort.

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE QUACHS:

In July 2009, the Society's Board voted to recognize two (2) members who have provided extraordinary service to the Society. Recipients receive an engraved Quaich.

This year's recipients were **Bill Snyder** and **Bob Collier, Jr.** A Quaich was presented to each at our dinner. They join the previous recipients Jack McPhaul and Ted Taws in receiving this honor.

### NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

One of the St. Andrew's Society's primary functions is to provide **scholarship assistance** to North Carolina students who wish to study in Scotland and Scottish students who wish to study in North Carolina. **Alan Donaldson** has chaired this committee for at least 15 years. Thanks to Alan for his years of service. He is continuing on the committee as **Warner Hall** assumes the chairmanship.

New members are key to our existence. **Rob Collier III** has done an excellent job for several years as chairman of our Membership Committee. Rob is continuing to serve on the committee and also serving on the board. **Ken McArthur** is assuming the chairmanship of the committee. Ken has served the Society well in numerous capacities and is highly qualified to take over this important position. Thanks to Rob and Ken for their service on this committee.

### SCOTLAND COUNTY GAMES:

The **Scotland County Highland Games** were held on the grounds of the John Blue Home and Historical Complex in Laurinburg, NC from Oct 1-3, 2010.

**Dan and Sara Jane Pate**, and **Bill and Anne Goodwin**, were exceptional hosts and arranged lunch fixins for over 30 Society members in attendance. The first annual Scotland County Highland Games last October was a huge success and this year was no exception! Barbara and I enjoyed seeing many of you there.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend the **St. Andrew's Dinner** December 4, 2010 at the Mid-Pines Resort. **Don McKenzie** is chairing what is always a terrific event. We had a record attendance at the 2009 Dinner. Mark your calendars now! We have an exceptional program planned and I hope to see you there. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing, I thank the Society for the opportunity to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing each of you at what I am sure will be outstanding Society events.

# GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN DINNER 2010

Photographs: Cameron Seely & Betsy Ramsey



Bill Presnell, Angus Kelly, Ed Morrison,  
Daniel Kelly & Susan Woodward



Kamron, Lauren &  
Ginger Monroe



John & Ebbie Monroe with extended  
Family



John, Fred, & Clem Monroe



Erin & Tedder Roberts



Joe & Betsy  
Ramsey



Adam & Erin Bowling



Amy & Scott Coley



Randy Madry &  
Mac Barham



Grover Gore I, II & III



George, Betsy, John, Joe  
& Sue Ramsay



Howard Hanson, Bill Wortman, Bill McMillan,  
Gail Barham, Anne Hanson



Anne & Sue Ramsay



Priscilla McLeod, Brantley  
& Meredith Clifton



Randy Fraser, Randy Madry,  
(2)Hendersons, Charles King



Dede & Tom  
Williams



Howard Hanson, Tommy  
Thompson & Catherine Monroe



Doug Kelly, Meredith &  
Brantley Clifton



Dede, Jim, Scott & Buff Dawson



George & Anne Ramsay



Jane Kirk & Drouin Sprinkle



Frank & Betsy King



Hugh & Mary Irving  
Campbell



Tom & Sally Badger



Jean & Tommy Ammons



Ge-Juan & Leslie Wilkes,  
Susan & Dick Wallace



Barbara, Bob & Paige  
Collier



Ann & Bill Snyder



Linda & Heywood Armstrong



Randy & Stagg Madry



Cameron &  
Barbara Seely



Assembled say thanks



Auld Lang Syne



"And here's a hand my trusty fiere"



George & John Ramsay  
& Joe Ramsey



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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. David Lee Burns Sponsor: Mr. Ted Taws, Jr.	Laurinburg, NC Endorser: Dr. John L. Monroe
Dr. William James Hall, Jr. Sponsor: Dr. G. Pat Henderson, Jr.	Morehead City, NC Endorser: Dr. John L. McNeill, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Alan Hamilton Sponsor: Mr. John E. Ramsay, Jr.	Raleigh, NC Endorser: Mr. K. C. Ramsay
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Dr. William Jerome Wortman, Jr. Sponsor: Mr. William H. McMillan	Statesville, NC Endorser: Mr. Joseph E. McMillan

### FLOWERS OF THE FOREST:

DICKSON MCLEAN, JR.  
WILMINGTON, NC  
DATE OF DEATH 10/31/2009

WENDALL KEATS SPARROW  
GREENVILLE, NC  
DATE OF DATE 11/11/2009

BROCK MCGEORGE DEAR  
SOUTHERN PINES, NC  
DATE OF DEATH 02/2010

JOHN DUNDAS BANKS  
CHAPEL HILL, NC  
DATE OF DEATH 04/14/2010

