



SPECIAL EVENTS

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SCOTCH & BURNS HONOURS ROBBIE BURNS AND STEWART CHRISTIE

FRIDAY JANUARY 22 | 7:00 PM | \$3/\$1* *Galt annual pass holders | free to children 0-6

The Galt Museum & Archives invites Scots and non-Scots to celebrate the 251 birthday of Scottish poet Robbie Burns during this year's Scotch & Burns event on Friday, January 22 beginning at 7:00 pm, when Scots of all tartans gather to pay tribute to Scotland's favourite son. This year the event will also commemorate long-time local supporter Stewart Christie.

"We were saddened to learn that Stewart passed away on January 1st, from cancer," says Lori Harasem, Special Events Coordinator for the Galt Museum & Archives. "Every year he helped to plan our event, acted as MC, played his accordion and led the sing-a-long. He spent a great deal of time teaching me everything there is to know about Robbie Burns, the purpose of the various components of the celebration, and was a wonderful and patient teacher."

"So this year will be the usual celebration with bagpipes, the "Address to a Haggis", dance performances by the Lethbridge Highland Dancers and Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club, haggis and Scotch tastings," says Harasem, "but part of the evening has been set aside to celebrate a gentleman who brought Robbie Burns to life for our city."

Following the family-friendly activities, a Scotch tasting with Kyle Baines of Andrew Hilton Wine & Spirits will be available for those 18+; tasting tickets will be available at the event. Admission to Scotch & Burns will also include access to the exhibit *Dinosaurs & Company*, scheduled to close January 31. Limited tickets are now available at the Museum Store: \$3/person or \$1 for Galt Museum Annual Pass holders. Admission for children 6 and under is free.

Upcoming 201 Galt events to look forward to include Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 3; Taste of Downtown on Wednesday, May 5 - part of Historic Lethbridge Festival running May 1-8; a 1940s Dance Hall Party on Saturday, May 8; Galt Beer Tasting on Friday, September 10; and the 3-day Movie Madness October 28 through 30, among others. For more information call Special Events Coordinator Lori Harasem at 403.320-4219, or check www.galtmuseum.com for updates.

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