



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

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Message for Robbie Burns Day 2010

Scots everywhere will unite this week to pay homage to the life and work of one of their most famous countrymen: Robert Burns. Although but a poor farmer in his time, Burns has gained international recognition for his poetry in the two centuries since his death. Many consider him today the national poet of Scotland.

For New Brunswickers, this allegiance to the immortal memory of Burns is no less strong than elsewhere in the world. In the province's capital, New Brunswick's Societies erected a statue of Burns on Queen Street (across from the provincial Legislature) over a century ago, to symbolize for all New Brunswickers both the presence and contributions of the Scots in the province, and the Burns cultural legacy which unites Scots the world over.

In the twenty-first century, the celebration and commemoration of the life and works of Burns takes a familiar shape, with bonspiels and traditional dinners taking place in towns and cities across New Brunswick; and whether or not the style of his poetry appeals to everyone, Burns' birthday offers a chance for Scots throughout the province to celebrate the best of Scottish culture.

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Best wishes to all members and friends of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association everywhere for an enjoyable Robbie Burns Day. Slainte!

BACKGROUND

The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (www.nbscots.com) was founded in 1980, and represents that province's Scottish cultural communities and organizations, acting as both an information resource and promoter/defender of the Scots and their descendants who have contributed to New Brunswick's economic, social, political, and cultural development.

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