Evening In Scotland, May 31, 2008

Will Rogers Village in Saranac Lake was awash with tartan on May 31st as SASA presented An Evening in Scotland. Planned by Garda Babcock and Sarah Irving, the program included piping, dancing, singing, and haggis!

SASA members carried tartan flags and formed a colorful background for pipers Cameron Anderson, Adam Blaine, and Gerald Tetrault. Lindsay Anderson performed Highland dances; Taylor Morse and Rosie Travail showed their skill in Irish dancing. Marcie Hough sang “Flower of Scotland” and “Skye Boat Song”.

During the traditional haggis ceremony, Peter Fish gave the “Address to the Haggis” while the audience followed the translation in the programs. Plates of haggis and oatcakes were passed around—many people had never before tried haggis. Ian Strachan gave a tribute to Robert Burns before the intermission.

In the great room many of the audience tried single malt whiskey served by Peter McAfee, and discussed clan affiliations with Peter Fish.

The evening ended with a sing-along led by Marcie. With the help of song sheets, residents of Will Rogers and guests joined in the singing and applauded enthusiastically as the pipers marched out under a honor guard of flags. Many people said how much they enjoyed the program and related stories of their own Scottish heritage. Many thanks to Garda and Sarah for all their work in putting this program together.

Photos From An Evening In Scotland

Four generations of Scotswomen: Carmen Sourwine in front with her daughter Garda Babcock, granddaughter-in-law Kate, and great-granddaughter, MacKenzie.