



SELKIRK COLONIAL SOCIETY



BUSSIN' CONCERT 2013



*Standard Bearer Robert Mailer Anderson (USA) and
Lady Busser Nicola Miner (USA).*

in the VICTORIA HALL, SELKIRK
WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of JUNE

DOORS OPEN 7 pm — COMMENCE 7.30 pm

GUEST CHAIRMAN: John Graham

ADMISSION: £2.50 by Programme

“THE ROSES”

From the Cities of Australia, from
the wide Canadian plain,
From the sunny tropic islands,
from Antarctic's icy main;
From every coast and country, by
land and sea and plane,
Souters aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
Souters aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.

'Neath their golden banner streaming
o'er the Green they gaily sway,
To the river Ettrick, gleaming, see
the riders on their way.
At the Toll they all forgather, join in
an old world strain,
And they're glad to be in Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
They are glad to be in Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.

When the riders have returned, and
the flags are proudly cast,
There's a friendly farewell hand-
shake, when the final act is past,
The Exile vows when leaving for his
faraway domain,
That he'll aye return to Selkirk when
the roses bloom again.
When the roses bloom again,
When the roses bloom again,
He will aye return to Selkirk when the
roses bloom again.

WELCOMING THE COLONIALS

With the 2013 Common Riding almost here I welcome you to our annual Bussin' Concert. Let us hope that this year the weather is favourable, unlike last year when we had the wettest day in recent memory. Despite the soaking received by all, it did not manage to dampen our spirits and enjoyment of that special day.

A running theme in the Colonial Society is a tradition of family involvement and looking back over the years we see many of our Colonial Standard Bearers following on from fathers and grandfathers, or even great-grandfathers that have carried our flag. We also see many exiles, or second, third and even fourth generation exiles joining us; some of whom may never have visited our Royal Burgh before. It is a continual recurrence, year on year, and gives us great pleasure and enjoyment to embrace them as part of our family, the 'Souter' family returning to their roots. This is what our Society is all about. I thereby extend our warmest welcome to our exiles and guests and I hope that you have a most happy and wonderful time with us over the next few days and take away with you some very special memories of Selkirk, it's people and our Common Riding.

This year we have the pleasure of appointing a fourth generation exile as our Colonial Society Standard Bearer. A great-grandson of one of our founding members and Colonial Standard Bearer of 1913, Robert Anderson, also affectionately known as 'Honolulu Bob', our choice this year is Robert Mailer Anderson. A true 'Californian', Robert is best-selling author of the novel 'Boonville', a successful film producer and a leading figure in the San Francisco arts and jazz communities. He was also a major fund raiser for President Obama's recent and successful United States presidential election campaign. For his Lady Busser, Robert has chosen his wife Nicola Miner. Robert and Nicola have four children, Dashiell, Lucinda, Frances and Callum, who also join us tonight along with eight members of their extended family. To Robert and Nicola I extend our very best wishes for their respective duties during the week, and wish them, and all of their family, a truly memorable Common Riding.

As always our grateful thanks goes to our musicians, artists and guests taking part in our Bussin' Concert tonight. To our kindred casting associations and their Standard Bearers we wish you a "Hail Smiling Morn" on Friday and our best wishes to you all.

The Colonial Society continues to grow, with more members than for many years, both local and overseas. It is our hope that we will continue to encourage and support our exiles to return year on year, and to give them a lifetime of happy memories of a time spent in the Royal Burgh. In coming years we also hope to encourage younger generations to join us, as many of our young people move away from their Selkirk home in pursuit of employment and to further their careers. Our message to them is to join the Society and become part of our extended family over the Common Riding week. They will be made very welcome.

Finally may I thank all of you in our audience tonight for attending our Bussin' Concert. As always your support is vital if we are to continue to support our exiles and overseas visitors and to maintain the traditions established over many years. The Colonial Society wishes you all a wonderful day on Friday, with many happy memories, and to those taking part in the mounted cavalcade - Safe Oot, Safe In.

Lindsay Cockburn (Chairman)











