



# Celebrating Robert Burns

By Falyn Ernst

On Saturday, January 30, 2021 the New World Celts of Sarasota, Florida celebrated Robert Burns 262nd Birthday in a fun, informal setting to learn more about his life and his poetry.

The COVID-mindful event was held at Motorworks Brewing, Bradenton's first craft brewery, home to Florida's largest Beer Garden and named one of CraftBeer.com's must-visit Brewery Music Venues in the South.



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[MotorworksBrewing.com](http://MotorworksBrewing.com).



Micheal Ward  
NWC Treasurer

The day started early with a relaxed brunch featuring a traditional Scottish flair. We enjoyed Haggis paired with Neeps & Tatties outside in the Beer Garden. The socially-distanced sounds of Scottish Celtic Folksinger Colin Grant-Adams of Oban Scotland was the first musical presentation during brunch hour. Colin travels all over the USA performing at Highland Games & Concerts. There were also poetry readings from our very own NWC members.

The Celtic music and shenanigans continued after our Burns Brunch. There were dancers, a piper, and musical guests The Black Velvet Band and Clover's Revenge.

There were Celtic Lassies and Lads in kilted wear enjoying the ambiance, the cool Florida weather and the great entertainment.

Everyone wore masks while walking around the outdoor venue. The event was so well-liked that we will have our Second Annual Robert Burns Lunch Event at the same location next year. Motorworks Brewing is a big supporter of the NWC, and they have become a great partner. They have hosted our Annual Celtober Festival for the past few years. It's one of our biggest events! Read all about it at [CeltoberFest.org](http://CeltoberFest.org)



Irene Mary Shuster - NWC Member

NWC-Sarasota had a fully operating booth where members sold raffle tickets for Celtic-themed gift baskets. We chose the winners closer to the event's end. Other folks went home with NWC merch, membership applications, and event forms for our upcoming Annual Pints & Putts event to help raise money for SOLE - Supporters of Law Enforcement - [SupportersOfLawEnforcement.com](http://SupportersOfLawEnforcement.com)



One of the Wonderful  
Highland Dancers

"New world Celts, is a group where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate a common heritage."

- Sarah Guevara Kukral, NWC Member

"Motorworks was a sublime venue to host the birthday of such an influential bard. Intimate and friendly, all in attendance. The music and dancers were exceptional."

- Kidd Kennedy, event goer





## New World Celts

We promote & support Celtic culture by providing scholarships for:



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New World Celts – Sarasota is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is greatly enjoyed by the community it serves. We are 100% volunteer, so every dollar made goes into our mission, which is to help support Celtic Heritage and Annual Scholarships for Celtic Performing Artists who wish to attend a school or programs in the Greater Sarasota area.

New World Celts – Sarasota is committed to presenting the finest in Celtic Culture, Celtic Heritage, Celtic Crafts and other Celtic Activities. We have a myriad of sub-committees and Sarasota-area residents who work hard to create the Celtic Events which define our organization.

To provide sponsorship opportunities for corporate and individual partners, we have developed a comprehensive, yet flexible, Sponsorship Program. By sponsoring a site, a stage, an event or an activity at one – or all – of our Celtic Heritage events, our sponsor-partners associate themselves with wholesome, family-oriented activities, which are mostly dog-friendly as well!

We establish our sponsorship fees through diligent research that reflects the cost of presenting diverse programming and services. With an experienced cadre of dedicated volunteers, our operational goals focus on presenting our sponsor-partners in a positive public manner. New World Celts – Sarasota is always available to assist its sponsor-partners in the creation of custom promotional activities designed to enhance their particular sponsorship.

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