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**Food for Thought Presents an Evening of  
Scottish Bagpipes, Highland Dancing, and Early Weaponry**

**Sacramento** - The May event in the California State Library's cultural series, ***Food for Thought: Thinking and Talking at the State Library***, will take place on Wednesday, May 18. This free evening program will include refreshments and presentations on Scottish bagpipes, Highland dancing, and early edged weaponry by performers and experts from the Caledonian Club of Sacramento.

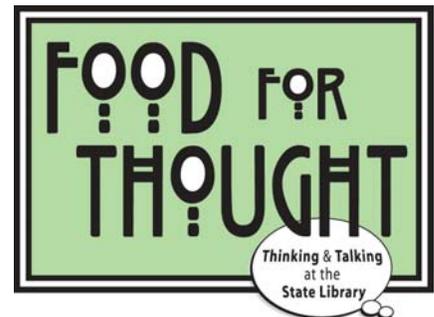
This program will feature:

- Returning bagpipe teacher and player Chuck Jamison, who proved so popular with adults and kids at our December **Food for Thought** event that we've invited him back to teach us more;
- Dancers from the McKinney School of Scottish Highland Dance performing traditional dances, sharing the unique histories of these dances, and providing a glimpse into the competitive sport of Highland dancing; and
- Early weapons expert Dennis Elwell, a living history docent and avid participant in historical 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century reenactments, sharing his extensive knowledge of early edged weapons.

As always, **Food for Thought** participants will be encouraged to ask questions and engage these experts and performers in lively conversation.

The California State Library launched ***Food for Thought*** because it believes libraries and the free exchange of information and ideas are essential to a healthy democracy. ***Food for Thought*** is also a unique venue to showcase rich collections, some predating the Library's founding in 1850, and to highlight current State Library resources, programs, and services that help build a stronger California.

Join us on Wednesday, May 18, from 5:00 to 8:30 pm at the California State Library, 900 N Street, Sacramento. Doors open at 5:00 pm; the program begins at 6:00 pm. Metered street parking is free after 6:00 pm; 8<sup>th</sup> and O light rail access is nearby.



Seating in this venue is limited, so attendees must RSVP to Rebecca Ann Fontaine at (916) 653-9942 or [rfontaine@library.ca.gov](mailto:rfontaine@library.ca.gov).

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