

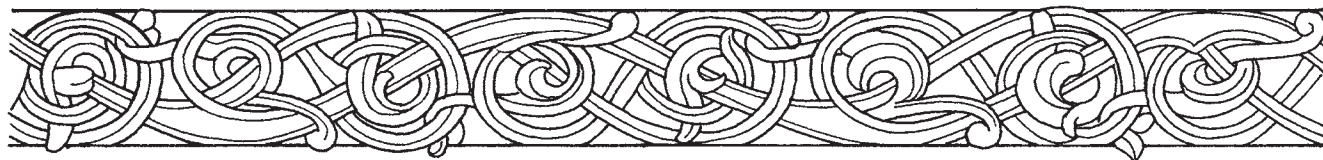
Lady Helen, Countess of Rosslyn, to Lecture at Dixon Gallery and Gardens

The Dixon Gallery and Gardens will host the lecture *Rosslyn Chapel: Fact and Fiction* by Lady Helen, Countess of Rosslyn, on Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m. in the Winegardner Auditorium. Rosslyn Chapel is one of the most famous medieval chapels in the world, but its popularity has increased tremendously since it was featured in the book and movie *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. The chapel, founded in 1446 just outside Edinburgh, Scotland, by Sir William St. Clair, was designed to be part of a larger church that was never completed. After Sir William's death, it fell into disrepair. Today, what remains are the extraordinary choir and Lady Chapel, restored at the behest of Queen Victoria, with its elaborate and fanciful decorative carving. Art historian

Lady Helen, Countess of Rosslyn will examine the architectural history of this fascinating building. She will discuss the myths surrounding the chapel and the St. Clair family, including the links to Freemasonry, the Knights Templar and the Holy Grail, as well as outline the current plans for its \$18 million conservation project. The Countess of Rosslyn is an art historian and trained at Christies London, in the Prints and Drawings Department. She now runs an annual exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. In 2001 she curated an exhibition entitled *Rosslyn, Country of Painter and Poet* at the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh and authored the book of the same title. Lecture tour sponsored by The Royal Oak Foundation, Americans in Alliance with the

National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Listing information: Rosslyn Chapel: Fact and Fiction Price of the lecture for Dixon Members, \$10; Non-members, \$20 Call (901) 761-5250 or email: mbosdorf@dixon.org for reservations.

The Dixon Gallery and Gardens, set amid seventeen acres of formal and woodland gardens, The Dixon endeavors to ensure a rich cultural experience for visitors with exhibitions of fine and decorative arts, world-class Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings, an expansive collection of German and English porcelain, horticultural programs and events. Dixon Gallery and Gardens 4339 Park Avenue Memphis, TN 38117 901-761-5250. www.dixon.org



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Plan Ahead

The **Scottish Country Dance** group is branching out this fall and doing a mixture of dances from all over the British Isles. In addition to Scottish Country Dancing we will now offer Irish Country Sets and English Country Dance. Beginners are always welcome and encouraged. All dances will be taught and called as needed. The dance will be in the Fellowship Hall at Idlewild Church, beginning at 7:30 pm. A Beginner's session is offered at 7:00pm. Please join us. Contact Brenda Maquire for further information. 274-1889

"**Celtic Fest** will be held in Jackson, TN, at Casey Jones Village, on Saturday, 7 November. We will have the MSSSI tent set up to represent us from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you are planning to attend, we hope that you will consider giving us an hour or so of help in manning the tent. It promises to be a fun time." George Malone

Remember: the regular December Meeting will be our **Annual Christmas Party**. It will be held at 6:00PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2000 N. Germantown Pkwy in Cordova. Watch for details in the December edition of the Grace Notes. Becky Trafford

The Jonesboro based "**Northeast Arkansas Caledonian Pipes and Drums**" is pleased to announce the 2nd annual "BURNS NIGHT" dinner and awards banquet to be held:

Saturday, January 30th at 6pm First Presb. Church, Jonesboro. Cost is \$20/adult, \$10/ child (under 12) Tickets to go on sale, Friday Oct 30. The event is a fundraiser for the band, helping to purchase equipment and training for the coming year. For more information, contact: David Corbett [901.233-2903 fireham@yahoo.com] or any band member. www.neacpipes.com

Congratulations to Seldon and Carolyn Murray proud Grandparents of Mary Genevieve Gardino born to Corinne and Jeff Gardino on Thursday 10/01/2009. I bet Seldon will be proud to show pictures.

Massing of the colors, Sunday November 8, at 3 p.m. At Church of the Holy Communion on Walnut Grove. It is "an inspirational and patriotic celebration of our veterans and the flag featuring massed color guards from the Mid South. Come and honor the military, both past and present."

Dear Mary Ann:

We want to say thanks to you and your crew for once again volunteering for Clanjamfry this year.

Our Volunteers are the most important part of Clanjamfry, and folks like you who volunteer year after year are very special!

Thanks for having a "heart for Clanjamfry".

Blessings,
Anna, Lee & Cindy
2009 Clanjamfry Volunteer Coordinators

GRACE NOTES

Grace Notes is the official publication of the Memphis Scottish Society, Inc. It is published monthly. Like the Society itself, the credo of *Grace Notes* is "to foster education and promote understanding of things Scottish."

If you have something of interest to readers of this newsletter, please submit a typewritten manuscript to the editorial staff. If the article or notice is very brief (30 words or fewer), e-mail or just use the telephone. *Grace Notes* will accept and publish good quality photographs.

The deadline for all submissions is the second week of each month preceding the month of publication. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with each submission, if you want the material returned.

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Ladies and gentlemen, mark your calendars! Saturday, November 28, is the date of MSSSI's annual St. Andrew's Day Tea. It will be held at Crumpets, which is located at 262 South Highland St. in Memphis, from 2:30—4:00 p.m. This event is limited to 33 participants, and it promises to be outstanding once again. Entertainment will be provided, by Sammy Rich for your enjoyment, and the menu will include both savory and sweet tidbits as well as several special teas. What a welcome break after all that turkey on Thanksgiving and the tickets are only \$20.00 this year! Contact Melissa Gibson



Brad Randall, the auctioneer for our Halloween Party brought his wife Debbie, and their Granddaughter along. She proved to be quite the "stimulus package" and helped push Debbie into frequent bidding spots. Thanks to all who helped with the party. I can only tell you, that a party or event that is planned out will always prove to be the most satisfying. I hope someone gets them online with us soon. srch

Please be preparing for Silent Auction Donations

The reason for writing this blurb is to ask our members to begin thinking about items for the silent auction at Burns Nicht. Last year's success, while largely boosted by the sale of one item, Joe Lyle's painting, was also due to the many items that were made available. The services rendered by our members, the goods sold, and

the products available for purchase were all major contributors to the success of the auction.

A solicitation letter for donations is being prepared to give out at the next meeting. This is a great way to further enhance the value of our auction. Everybody has a couple of regular stores and or boutiques that these letters

can be presented to for soliciting donations for the silent auction. This gives the businesses time to consider their donations and to hopefully respond in the most generous fashion.

Thanks in advance for your help. srch

Halloween Party revisited

Our MSSI Halloween Party, hosted by Geoff and Elaine Meece was a chilly affair if you wandered away from the heater and fireplace for too long, but with just enough people to go 'round and have a good time. The party was successful and virtually broke even due to a couple of bidding wars in the auction between the auctioneer's wife and one of our members. The auction was genuinely enjoyed by all who participated, even those with their hands in their pockets. I actually bid a couple of times by just looking at the auctioneer. Brad Randall, who is obviously a professional kept things moving at a steady clip. He realized after a couple of items that this

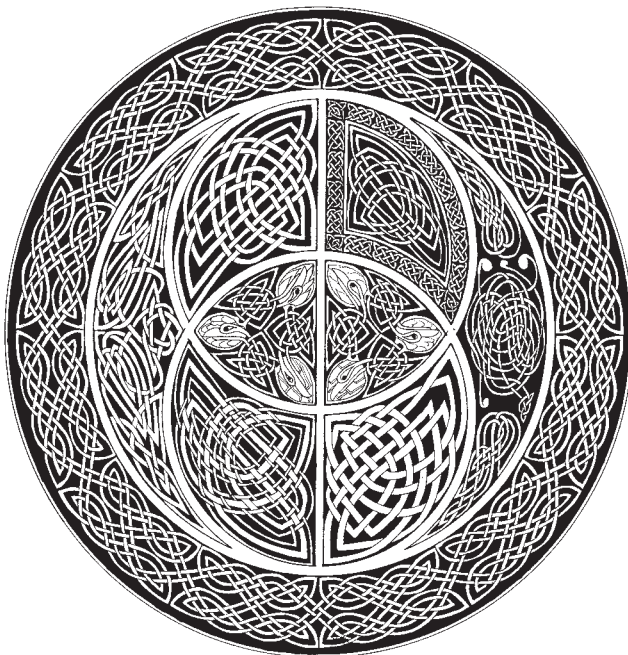
was the Scottish Society and so he started the bids quite low on several items. Nonetheless, it was a success. Thanks, Brad, for helping with this.

The food was plentiful, and the games as well, primarily the Halloween piñata which didn't yield any injuries with blindfolded children trying to hit a pretty stubborn pumpkin. I was grateful for that and commend Geoff Meece for standing on the stool and holding the piñata up for the children to take a whack at. I had visions of a wild swing and Geoff tumbling down from his stool, but no accidents were incurred. The balloon stomp was quite vigorous and I was wary of broken toes and feet with fifteen

adults and children trying to stomp on each others balloon. But again, we managed to get put out with out getting injured.

Now for a word on the costumes, Elaine, was the cat in the hat, Dick Bevier was caught with a chicken on his neck, I haven't figured out what he was supposed to be. Pat Bevier was decked out beyond recognition, she was my personal favorite, and then Becky Trafford showed up as a pregnant nun! See our pictures on pages 5 and 6.

Ken Noe, our capable fire master kept the fire roaring for the evening and all who were there enjoyed themselves. Thank-you Geoff and Elaine for a fun evening and good time. Srich



The Vesica piscis is a [shape](#) which is the intersection of two [circles](#) with the same radius, intersecting in such a way that the center of each circle lies on the circumference of the other. The name

width (measured to the endpoints of the "body", not including the "tail") to its height was reportedly believed by them to be 265:153 (namely 1.73203...). The

literally means the "bladder of a [fish](#)" in [Latin](#). The shape is also called [mandorla](#) ("[almond](#)" in [Italian](#)).

Mystical and religious significance

It has been the subject of mystical speculation at several periods of history, perhaps first among the [Pythagoreans](#). The mathematical ratio of its

geometric ratio of these dimensions is actually the [square root of 3](#), or 1.73205... (since if straight lines are drawn connecting the centers of the two circles with each other, with the two points where the circles intersect, two equilateral triangles join along an edge). The ratio 265:153 is an [approximation](#) to the square root of 3, with the property that no better approximation can be obtained with smaller whole numbers. The number [153](#) appears in the [Gospel of John](#) (21:11) as the number of fish [Jesus](#) caused to be caught in a [miraculous Draught of Fish](#).

More recently, numerous [New Age](#) authors have interpreted it as a [yonic](#) symbol and claimed that this, a reference to the female genitals, is a traditional interpretation. From Wikipedia

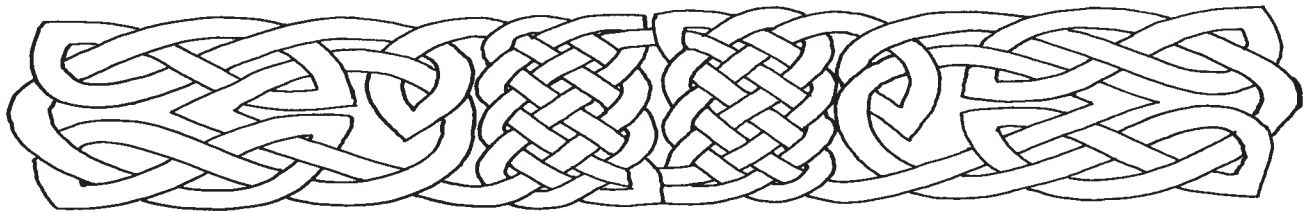
The Becky Trafford I did not know.



Geoff and Elaine's newest grandbaby, Sophia, came to the party!



Geoff Meece holding the pinata!



Sammy Rich's son, Ellis was recognized by George Malone as the lead singer for Devo, the minute he walked in. I still don't know.



Becky and Dick Trafford's grandson, Aaron Lang is ready to power up.



Elaine Meece is sporty in her Cat in the Hat costume.



The following is the quiz given by John Schultz at the October meeting. Each set of facts was followed with a clip of the film from which the facts were taken. Good job John!

Who Knows Scottish Films?

- A. Gaelic Title
- B. The Deil's Awa Wi' The Exciseman
- C. Farquharson: My men are experts. Captain Paul Waggett: So are the Todday people, at hiding whisky!

Whisky Galore

- A. Pictish Blue vs Long Legs
- B. [instituting the right of Prima Nocte] Longshanks: If we can't get them out, we'll breed them out.
- C. F-R-E-E-D-O-M!

Braveheart

- A. The lender steals the loan.
- B. Truth is worth more than £1,000.
- C. A Wager on a duel to the death.

Rob Roy

- A. A Scot and a Jew
- B. Taking a stand on principle before the future king
- C. 1924 Olympics

Chariots of Fire

- A. Obi-Wan Kenobi vs. Lord Chelmsford
- B. Scottish Country Dancing gone wild
- C. Jock Sinclair: That's a cheesy tune! ... We'll have all the ...

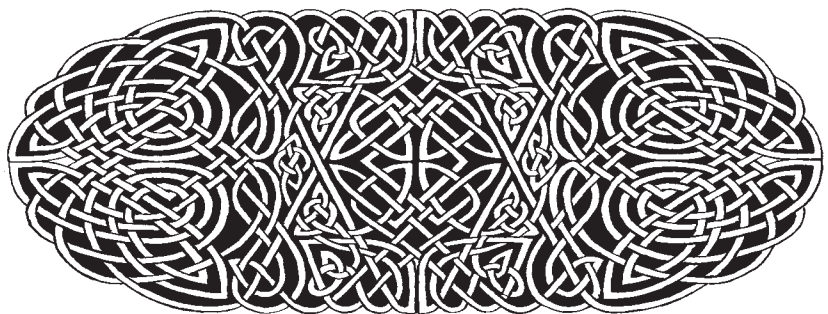
Tunes of Glory

- A. Marrying Consolidated Chemical.
- B. MacNeil of Kiloran's curse.
- C. Where are you going?

I Know Where I am Going



Pictured above are Robert Sellmansberger, George Malone and Ken Noe in action during the balloon stomp at our Halloween party. Below are Becky Trafford, and then the oddest pair of the evening. I was not real sure who that person was on the right. Do you recognize her?



Calendar of Events

Mondays

Caledonia Chorale 7 pm
Holy Communion Episcopal,
Walnut Grove at Perkins,
272-7159

Thursdays

Sgt. Singleton Pipes & Drums
6:30-8:30 at Bethel Pentecostal
Church, Stage Road-Bartlett;
call 386-2052 for info.

Wolf River Pipes & Drums,
7:00-9:30 St. Luke's Lutheran;
2000 Germantown Parkway.
753-9494

Scottish - Celtic RadioShows

Sundays, 6-7 p.m.
"The Thistle and Shamrock"
WKNO-FM 91.1

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1
p.m. "Strands of the Celtic
Knot" Robert Campbell, host
WEVL-FM 89.9

Sun and Mon 6 p.m. and
Fridays, 7 p.m.
"The Thistle & Shamrock,"
WMAV-FM 90.3



Fridays

Contra Dancing: 7:30-10 pm,
Idlewild Presbyterian;
1750 Union Ave,
West Entrance - 274-1889
2nd, & 4th Friday:
Scottish Country Dancing

Sundays

NEAC Pipes and Drums
1:30-4:00
First Presb. Church; SW Dr
Jonesboro, AR exit 45

Thursday, November 5

2010 Burns Nicht Committee
Cordova Branch
Memphis/Shelby County
Library 5:30 - 7:00

Monday, November 9

MSSI Monthly Meeting
Jason's Deli: Poplar@Highland
For directions call 757-4200 or
memphisscots.com.
6 pm Dinner.
7 pm Program: George Ma-
lone - *That Brawling Boisterous
Scottish Wench*

Thursday, November 19

Board Meeting at 5:45
St. Lukes Lutheran
2000 N Gtown Pkwy

Saturday, November 28

St. Andrew's Day Tea
Crumpets on Highland
2:00 - 4:30



November 5: The Witness
- Fiona talks with writer Jamie
Jauncey about the role of music
in his novel "The Witness." Also
a professional pianist Jauncey
shares the music of his life, as
well as introducing compositions
inspired by the book.

**November 12: Stretching the
Boundaries** - If you bend a tradi-
tion too far could you break it?
Decide for yourself as we listen
to some groundbreaking music
from Celtic roots that leads us
forward in new and unexpected
ways.

November 19: Newly Hatched
- Enjoy some of the latest record-
ings to arrive at the Thistle offices
in the U.S. and Scotland.

**November 26: The Wisdom
of Pete Seeger** - "There is hope
for the world." Pete Seeger: The
Power of Song. Hear the reflec-
tions of one of the great figures
of American folksong, along with
music from a remarkable life, re-
corded during Fiona's visit with
Pete Seeger.

**December 3: Muir of Gor-
mack** - The area of wilderness
known as the Muir of Gormack
was first mentioned in 1776 by
scholars who labelled it a "Cale-
donian Camp" noting its prehis-
toric remains of hut circles, cairns
and decorated stones. Dougie
MacLean imagines the setting
in "Muir of Gormack - A Pictish
Story."

The Nominating Committee has met and done their job and are presenting this slate of nominees for the MSSSI Board for the 2010 year. A word of thanks to Seldon Murray, John Schultz and Mary Clausi for a job well done. It is always nice to give the incoming officers a word of encouragement and the outgoing officers a word of appreciation.

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Meeting - Monday, November 9th - Jason's Deli-Poplar and Highland, Dinner-6:00
Program @ 7:00 George Malone. "That Brawling, Boisterous Scottish Wench"
Burns Nicht Committee -- November 5th @ 5:30 Cordova Public Library
Regular Board Meeting, November 19th at 5:45 St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran -
2000 N. Germantown Parkway

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