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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.





SSL President's Message

I am accepting nominations for the SSL President's Award. This award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a Society member who has demonstrated a pattern of contribution over a sustained period of time and whose contributions are widely recognized as helping the Society thrive.

Nominations are made by SSL members and honorees are selected by the current SSL President. The Award is presented at the annual dinner and auction benefiting the Celtic Heritage Scholarship Fund held each November.

Past recipients:

2011 Marleen Bailie	2016 John Dickson	2021 Damien Burns
2012 Jim Hughes	2017 Gary Schweizer	2022 Holley Holland
2013 June Wallace	2018 Janice Beatty	2023 Jack & Angie Bowling
2014 Jenny Dickson	2019 Sanford Berenberg	2024 Robbin Goodin
2015 Pat Schweitzer	2020 NA	

Please submit your nomination to Cheri Eskridge in person or via email (cherieskridge@yahoo.com), or mail to The Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40232.

Deadline for nominations is October 31st.

Member Reminders

- 1. Check out our Facebook page, "The Scottish Society of Louisville", for information about upcoming events.**
- 2. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com. Dues may be paid on the website, or mailed to Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40323.**

Individual - \$25***Family - \$40***
- 3. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at tomatoladyone@yahoo.com. All articles, pictures, etc. should be sent to the editor by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published about the 5th of the month.**

November Peanut Butter Drive!

Our November Dinner/Auction is also our annual peanut butter drive for the Highland Community Ministries.

We donate one-lb. jars of peanut butter, small jars of jelly, and crackers to aid in their family assistance programs.

One more way to support our Louisville community.



2023 peanut butter drive

September Membership Meeting

President Eskridge's Opening Statement: "This Month in Scottish History"

On September 11, 1297 William Wallace led his troops to victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. Wallace defeated Edward I in this great victory, which established him as the legitimate leader of the Scottish resistance.

John Balliol had surrendered to the English, and Edward regarded Scotland as his domain making a triumphant tour to Scotland and removing the Stone of Destiny from Scone. Edward imposed John de Warenne, the Earl of Surrey, as governor, sparking a revolt that was led by Wallace in the south-west, and Andrew Murray in the north-east. Although the English troops rallied by Surrey and Cressingham from Berwick were well-equipped, imposing, and confident in their superiority, Wallace and Murray had raised a band of enthusiastic volunteers. The Scottish troops congregated on Abbey Craig (now the site of the Wallace Monument) when the English arrived on the south bank. The impatient Cressingham led the English troops over the narrow wooden Stirling Bridge, and the Scots attacked, leaving the bridge choked with bodies. Cressingham was one of the first casualties in the massacre, and Surrey retreated south as far as the Tweed. Wallace returned to recapture Berwick and raid Northumberland and Cumberland.

Cheri asked if there were guests present, and we had four guests who we welcomed.

Cheri gave us information about the **President' Award**, formerly the Alex Rose President's Award. She provided forms for those who would like to nominate someone. Please submit your nomination to Cheri Eskridge in person or via email cherieskridge@yahoo.com or mail to The Scottish Society of Louisville, PO Box 34758, Louisville, KY 40232. You do not need a form to nominate a person for the award. Just write a paragraph (paper or email) explaining why the individual should be nominated and send to Cheri.

Deadline for nominations is October 31st.

August Membership Meeting cont.

Vice President Marla Jo: Cameron: The Dinner/Auction in November will be held early, on the 11th at Strathmoor Church. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm and the auction at 7:00pm. Janet Beatty is in charge of the Silent Auction; forms for donations were passed out and more may be obtained from Marla Jo. Contact her at scottiegirl74@yahoo.com, or call her at 502-468-9390. A list of basket suggestions for the Silent Auction was passed out. (See list on page 9.) We still need a volunteer auctioneer.

No Secretary's report.

Jim Hughes gave Kirking Director Judy Stubb's report: Reminder that the next Kirking will be held at Okolona Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, Oct. 26th. Their address is: 8015 Shepherdsville Road, Louisville, KY 40219-4049. Pitch-in lunch afterward.

After this one, there will be a kirking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN on Sunday Nov. 16th at 10:00am. Lunch served afterward, provided by the church.

A Kirking with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is being planned, probably near the end of November.

Jim explained Kirkings for our guests.

Programs & Education Commissioner Mindy McIntosh: The October meeting will be Halloween themed, so bear in mind when choosing your clothing and treats to bring to the meeting!

Announcements

Robbin Goodin: Please see information about the upcoming 5th Tuesday dinner FUNdraiser in this newsletter. It will be held at Moe's Southwest Grill.

Cheri let us know that Bruce Wilson volunteered to be our new Member At Large Commissioner. She reminded us that we still need a new Treasurer.

Socializing and snacks, followed by our presentation by Cindy McNary-Atchison about Flora McDonald and her adventures with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Cindy is a retired teacher/librarian. She loves to travel, especially to Scotland and enjoys reading, gardening, and watching Outlander.

Flora McDonald led a typical life in a well-to-do household while growing up, but in her teens her stepfather sent her to aid the Prince in his escape after the defeat at Culloden. His escape to France was successful, but Flora was arrested later and kept on a variety of prison ships for a year while being questioned. She never told them anything about the escape, and was finally released.

Resources for those who would like to learn more:

Flora McDonald, by Flora Fraser, Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 2023.

[Ebsco.com/research-starters/biography/flora-mcdonald](https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/biography/flora-mcdonald)

libapps.libraries.uc.edu/liblog/2029/03/flora-mcdonald-a-heroine-of-the-jacobites/

August Membership Meeting cont.



Cindy Atchison, our presenter




Flora McDonald

Bonnie Prince Charlie

He tried and failed to put his father, James II, on the throne. Charles' army were defeated at Culloden Moor. Hundred of Highlanders were killed and Charles ran for his safety.

That was the beginning of the end for the Highland way of life.

Charles eventually made his way to France and never returned to Scotland. He died in Rome at the age of 67.

A portrait painting of a young man with light-colored hair, wearing a dark coat with a red and black plaid shawl draped over his shoulders. He is wearing a large, ornate blue and silver brooch. The background is dark and indistinct.

2025 Save the dates!!! SSL FUNdraisers are back!!!



The participants at the SSL FUNdraiser at Moe's Southwestern Grill in Fern Creek.

We had a great turnout according to the Owner, Rob. As it turns out he has Scottish lineage, AND plays bagpipes. We, of course, invited him to join us at one of our meetings. 12 of us enjoyed comradery and some really good food in HUGE quantities. We had a great time and missed those of you who were not with us.

Next FUNdraiser is on Tuesday, December 30, Jason's Deli, Hurstbourne Ln at 5:30. Details in the November newsletter. Hope to see you there.

2025 Upcoming Celtic & Other Events by Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve Shetter Jr.

October 11th-12th Ohio Renaissance Fair and Highland Games; 10542 OH 73, Waynesville, OH 45068. Support animals allowed, no pets. Date-specific tickets, must be ordered online at renfestival.com.

October 17-19th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival, at Stone Mountain State Park, Georgia. For detailed information check online at smhg.org.

More detailed information about service dogs, ticket prices, parking fees, early registration, gate fees, camping fees, area hotels, special events, maps and so on is available at the included web sites.



Athletics at the 2025 Southern KY Highland Games



Updated 2025 SSL Meeting Programs

October

Podcast: Stories Fireside Folklore: Nuckelavee, Scotland's Scariest Demon



We journey to the cold waters of the North Sea for Jenny to tell the famed story of the Nuckelavee as captured by farmer and folklorist Walter Trail Dennison. The nuckelavee is a skinless horse who haunts Orkney's coasts, terrifying travelers. He also brings blight and plague to crops, livestock and even humans with his terrible toxic breath. Meanwhile, Annie will do anything to avoid the nuckelavee, including summoning the ancient Sea Mither to ensure the nuckelavee is trapped for summer.

November

Pitch-in Dinner & Auction Fundraiser for our Heritage Fund

This event will be held at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, 2201 Hawthorne Avenue, Louisville, KY. Don't miss this fun occasion! Bring your covered dish to share and auction items.



December—No member meeting



Silent Auction Basket Suggestions

Pamper Mom: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music

Griller's Delight: Grill utensils, marinades, mitts, charcoal, cookbooks about grilling

Movie Night at Home: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVD's movie passes, blankets

Arts & Crafts: Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, construction paper, paint brushes, stamping kits, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, poster board, gift card to craft store.

Baking: Baking mixes (muffins, cakes, cookies, brownies), frosting, aprons, mixing utensils, measuring cups and spoons, cookie cutters, decorating supplies.

Coffee: different varieties of coffee, mugs, gift cards to local coffee shops.

Chocolate: boxes of chocolate and samplings of loose chocolates, chocolate drink mixes, gift cards to a candy/chocolate shop.

Cookies: different varieties of cookies, a cookbook of cookie recipes, cookie cutters, hot pads.

Ice cream social: ice cream dishes, sauces, sprinkles, and other assorted toppings, gift card to local grocery store/ice cream shop.

All Things Scottish

Cheese & Crackers Gift Basket

Christmas Morning Coffee/Hot Cocoa

Kentucky Derby Items

Sports Themed Gift Basket

Elf Gift Basket for a Child

Car Care Kit in a Tub

Gourmet Popcorn Gift Basket

Manly Gift Basket

Grandkids Goodies

DIY Art Caddie

Tea Lovers Gift Basket

Mini Bar in a Jar/Basket (tiny bottles of liquor, shot glasses)

Christmas

Christmas Cookie Cutters/Dough Mix Pkg./Tin

Fall

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SSL T-shirt Information

The SSL Board has been discussing SSL t-shirts for a couple of months. Steve Shetter has found someone to print the shirts for us, and you can see a suggested form in the pictures below. Changes can be made. We will discuss this at the next SSL member meeting. Individual shirts will be \$30, but bulk orders will be less. Shirts may have pockets.



Front above, back to the right.

Thanks to Steve for modeling for us!



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<p>12</p> <p>Ohio Renaissance</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SSL Board Meeting</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Stone Mt Highland Games</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Stone Mt Highland Games</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Kirking at Okolona Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>SSL Member Meeting</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Happy Halloween</p>	

November 2025

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