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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.





President's Message

Greetings Scottish Society of Louisville

SPRING is finally here! The flowers are beginning to bloom, and the trees are leafing out. Seems everything is growing including our Society. Several changes have been made in the last few months and more to come in order to facilitate our growing numbers and make it easier on our current and newly elected officers. Whether we like it or not technology is something we have to embrace. We have a bright future ahead of us and this requires getting into the 21 century.

We have a newly elected President, Vice President, and Secretary. We are still currently looking to replace our Treasurer position. I am sure everyone will want to support our new officers with the same support you have given to the past officers.

With this in mind I want to thank all members of the Scottish Society for the encouragement and assistance that was given to me and the outgoing officers this past year. It has been my pleasure to be your President. The outpouring of support from current and previous Board Members during my tenure has been tremendous and the whole team effort doesn't even come close to what I've experienced. I look forward with excitement in handing over the Scottish Society's gavel to the **New President**.

So **ONWARD** for the Society in 2025. At the April meeting we will affirm our new Officers and then our program will feature "**CHASING THE JACOBITE DREAM**".

Sincerely,

Gary Schweitzer, President



1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at scotsoflou.com.
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our news letter 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.

Updated 2025 SSL Programs

April – University of Glasgow, Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite medals in the Hunterian Collection (YouTube video)

May – Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History – Bruce's Gamble: Robert the Bruce V Henry De Bohun (podcast)

July – Kerry Overfelt, Athletic Trainer: Athletics judge for Scottish Highland Games

August – Dinner and a Movie – (Stone of Destiny)

September – Flora MacDonald – Guest speaker, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter

October – Stories of Scotland – Fireside Folklore: Nuckleaves, Scotland's Scariest Demon (podcast)

November – Heritage Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

December – No meeting

April Presentation Information

April's Program is a Video: University of Glasgow: Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite Metals in the Hunterian Collection. Take a walk down Scottish history with Jesper Ericsson, a Numismatics from the University of Glasgow.



2025 Event Reminders

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

Come join us for our 5th Tuesday SSL FUNdraisers. We will gather at a local restaurant, visit and eat together.

A portion of the proceeds will come back to the SSL so we can plan some more fun events in 2025.

We will meet on **April 29th, July 29th, September 30th, December 30th.**

Restaurant details to follow. Be sure to check the calendar in the upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you there!



Our first 5th Tuesday Event is coming up soon!

Here is the link to the Scottish Society FUNdraiser at Smashburger on April 29th.

What could be better than a fun dinner out with friends, old and new?!

A dinner where we raise money for the Society's upcoming events. That's what!

And if you can't join us for dinner, you can stop in for lunch or take out. Every meal helps. Anytime of the day!

Dinner is at 5:30, other orders will need to use the code provided in the link.

Please click on the link and you will be directed to all the information you need join us for a meal and help the SSL raise money for our events this year.



[Commit to Eat at Scottish Society of Louisville's GroupRaise Meal @ Smashburger](#)

March Membership Meeting by Judy Stubbs

The President of The Scottish Society of Louisville opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed all. There were 31 people present and 2 visitors: Sharon & Albert, and 1 new member, Alberta, with us this evening to be voted on. Unanimous Approval.

President Gary's announcements:

This is Election Day for The Scottish Society of Louisville. Ballots will be distributed tonight.

Officers and Commissioners announcements:

Vice-President Robbin:

The program tonight will be a travelogue about our recent trip to Scotland in July 2024. I will cover Birmingham, England canals, landscape, history and JRR Tolkien. Then on through Edinburgh, Clan Hay and Hume castles in the Borders, Arbroath, St. Andrews, Perth/Dundee, Glamis Castle ghosts, Scottish Coos, and the Clan Hay gathering in Aberdeenshire including many famous Castles along the way. Wooden legs, Golf Croquet and King Charles art exhibit at Balmoral Castle are among the interesting tidbits included in this presentation.

She also reported that this year's "Fun-raiser restaurant" dining together event will start in April, the 5th Tuesday of April at Smashburger near the intersection of Hurstbourne Road and Shelbyville Road.

Secretary Judy:

She reported that new member Ruth N. Taylor invites all of us to attend a lunch & learn at her church on April 6, National Tartan Day, at 12:00 pm. Church is Shiloh Methodist Church in Goshen, KY. The address is on the signup sheet. She has invited 3 of us to be Presenters that day: Mindy about her book: "The Unofficial Outlander Book of Herbs II," her husband Steve about Scottish Games, and myself about major Scottish Contributions to America. I'll be presenting a PowerPoint Slide Show on the book title: "The Mark of the Scots: Their Astonishing Contributions to History, Science, Democracy, Literature and the Arts" by Duncan A. Bruce. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Organizer of Church Kirkings Judy:

She read a thank you letter from The Rev. Dave Bush, Pastor of Okolona Presbyterian Church, for attending the Kirking O' The Tartan service on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024. He invited us to return on October 26, 2025.

Treasurer Cheri: No Report.

Programs & Education Commissioner Mindy:

She has reported on Programs in three-month sections. The upcoming ones are for the months of April, May, & June:

April's Program is a Video: University of Glasgow: Chasing the Jacobite Dream: Jacobite Metals in the Hunterian Collection. Take a walk down Scottish history with Jesper Ericsson, a Numismatics from the University of Glasgow.

May's Program is a Podcast: Love Scotland Stories of Scotland's History: Bruce's Gamble: Robert the Bruce V Henry de Bohun. In this episode, our host Jackie Bird talks to Dr. Callum Watson, Battle Coordinator at the Battle of Bannockburn visitor center, about one of Robert the Bruce's boldest gambles. Before the massed ranks of the English and Scottish armies on 23 June 1314, Bruce risked his life, his throne and Scotland's independence in a moment of deadly single combat. We relive the Bruce v de Bohun and the fight which helped define the greatest King of Scots.

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June's Program: a Live Zoom Presentation. University of Kentucky-Dr. Jennifer Cramer. Bio: Dr. Jennifer Cramer is a Professor of Linguistics at the University of Kentucky, where she brings her passion for language and communication citation to the classroom. She holds a Ph.D. In Linguistics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her research interests span a wide range of topics, including socio-linguistics and discourse analysis, with a particular focus on language variation and change in Appalachia, the American South, and Kentucky. Dr. Cramer is known for her engaging teaching style, fostering critical thinking and inquiry among her students. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Humanities Council and as Senior Associate Editor of the journal American Speech. Title: "Understanding the Roots of Appalachian Englishes," which discusses the impact of Scotch-Irish heritage on the Englishness spoken in Appalachia today.

Newsletter Editor Commissioner Linda: No Report.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve: Celtic Events 2025:

April 26th & 27th Celtic weekend at Southern Indiana REN Fair in Seymour, Indiana.

May 17th & 18th Smoky Mountain Scottish Highland Games, Georgia. ☞

June 27th & 28th Ohio REN Fair and Highland Games.

June 10th through 13th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina.

July 19th & 20th KY Renfaire, Eminence, KY.

September 14th & 15th Columbus, IN Highland Games.

September 20th & 21st Central KY Highland Games, Eminence, KY

October 17th through 19th Stone Mountain Highland Games, Georgia.

Social Media Commissioner Erika: No Report.

Membership Commissioner Kim:

As a result of an ongoing group effort, the software has been loaded to the web site for membership! It is being tested now, and the instructions will go out to the membership soon. Ongoing, membership management will be done via the database on the web site. A couple of people have gone through the process with success. Just a few bugs to work out for some other things in the background.

Member-At-Large Commissioner Kim: No Report.

Hospitality Commissioner Anne: No Report.

Intermission: Snacks and soft drinks were available during a 15–20-minute break.

Program Introduction by Mindy MacIntosh-Shetter, Jr.: Members Mr. & Mrs. Robbin Goodin made a PowerPoint Presentation of one of their trips to Scotland, and the tours they took.

Results From Voting: There were no dual members running for the same office, so by a vote of the membership present, these members received the vote:

New President: Cheri

New Vice-President: Marla Jo

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New Secretary: Judy

New Treasurer: No one was nominated. President Gary reported that a member will be Appointed by the President.

President Gary concluded the membership meeting by asking everyone to have a safe trip home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Stubbs-Secretary

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – UPDATES and NEWS!!

There are some new and exciting changes regarding how the membership is managed and tracked. In the past everything has been done manually, with spreadsheets. As you can imagine, this gets very cumbersome. Also, when the leadership changes for the Membership Commissioner role, it can difficult to pick up where the other person left off. For the last few months, a team has been working on additions and changes to our web site. Specifically for membership.



Ongoing, when you go to the “Become a Member” link it will look a bit different. Most of you have been using this yearly to renew your memberships. Now when you click on the link, it will bring up the membership levels for you to choose from. Once you click on that, there are boxes for you to create a login username and password. Also populate your name, address, phone and Clan affiliation. Then you will click on the Paypal button as usual. What is different? Well, you will now be in the database of our web site, along with all your information. Also, your membership will **AUTO RENEW every year**, one year from your payment date in the web site. If at any time you want to cancel, you would do that via your “subscriptions” in your Paypal. This will make it so much easier to keep track of your membership, and make sure that everyone is on the mailing lists.

Please make note of your username and password. You will need them at some point in the future, as there will be a members login button, along with members only information on the web site. Work in progress to add value to your membership.

If you joined between Jan. 1, 2025 and now, your renewal will be due in 2026. You will need to follow the instructions above by April 1, 2026.

I know that some of you will want to continue to pay by check. But we do encourage you to use this new system, as the old method is very cumbersome and time consuming. If you pay by check your dues will continue to be due on April 1st each year.

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Lifetime Members: I will be manually adding you to the database in the near future. Since you won't be paying yearly, it needs to be done differently. But we want you to have a login as in the future things will be added to the web site that will be for members only.

We have tested out the new system, and it is working properly. But if you have any questions, or need help please reach out to the Membership Commissioner, Kimara Wilhite at kimarawilhite@yahoo.com.

You may create your new login and account as of today! We appreciate you taking the time to make things run smoother for all in the SSL, and to help bring us into the 21st Century!



As you know we are an all-volunteer organization dependent on our annual dues to pay our regular expenses. The Board strives to bring interesting events to the members based on our shared purpose of enriching and preserving Scottish Heritage and fostering pride in all things Scottish. Some of our fixed expenses are:

PO. Box, Insurance, Meeting and Storage Rental, Electronic Services, Bank Fees along with Printing, Postage and Hospitality Expenses.

Please be attentive to this request as the **Society** depends on **YOU!** Dues may be paid online through the website www.scotsoflou.com or a check to the **PO Box 34758 Louisville, KY40232**

\$ 25.00 Single \$40.00 Family



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

April 26th-27th	Celtic weekend at Southern Indiana Renaissance Faire; 351 US 351, Seymour, IN 47274. Times: 10:00am-6:30pm. No pets allowed; only fully trained service animals allowed. Military and Senior ticket discounts, other information available online at renaissancefaireindiana.com .
May 7th-18th	Smoky Mountains Scottish Highland Games; Townsend Festival and Visitor's Center, 7906 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, Tenn 37882. Children 15 and under free. Other information available online at smokymountaingames.org .
June 27th-28th	Ohio Scottish Games and Highland Festival, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Middleburgh Heights, OH (south of Cleveland). Children under 10 free, other information available online at ohioscottishgames.com .
July 10th-13th	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC. Detailed information available online for tickets, camping, parking, events, etc. at gmhg.org .
July 19th-20th	Kentucky Renfaire in Eminence, KY; 955 Elm Street, HWY 22, Eminence, KY. Children 5 and under free. Other information available online at kyrenfaire.com .
September 13th-14th	Columbus, IN Highland Games, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, 750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201. Children 4 and under free. Other information available online at scottishfestival.org .
September 20th-21st	Central Kentucky Highland Games. 955 Elm Street, HWY 22, Eminence, KY, children under 5 free. Other information at kyrenfaire.com .
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 .




As noted above, 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 email addresses.

2024 Central Kentucky Highland Games at Eminence, KY





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6 Tartan Day	7	8 SSL Board Meeting 	9	10	11	12 Passover begins
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday 	21	22 SSL Member Meeting 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2025

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4	5	6	7 Smoky Mountains Scottish Highland Games	8	9	10
11 HAPPY Mother's DAY 	12	13 SSL Board Meeting 	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day 
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25	26 Memorial Day 	27 SSL Member Meeting 	28	29	30	31