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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.

<b>Volunteers</b>
<i>Newsletter Editor, Linda Wilson</i>
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<i>Kirkings, Judy Stubbs</i>
<i>FUNdraisers, Janice Beatty</i>



## *President's Message*

It's hard to believe that 2026 is half over, but here we are in the middle of another blazing summer in Kentuckiana. I hope you have made the most of your 2026 so far, and if not, that you take this opportunity to make the most of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year! I will be travelling the first half of July and trying to keep cool in the heatwave of London. I hope you will be able to keep cool in Louisville, or wherever your travels may take you this month.

I hope to see you at our July membership meeting for a look at the facial reconstruction of Mary Queen of Scots.

*Cheri*



## *Member Reminders*

1. Check out our Facebook page for any information about upcoming events and read the newsletter.
2. Name of the SSL Facebook group "The Scottish Society of Louisville"
3. Our website can be found at [scotsoflou.com](http://scotsoflou.com).
4. To submit an announcement, article, etc. to the newsletter, please email to our newsletter editor, Linda Wilson, at [tomatoladyone@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

For those members whose dues are not automatically withdrawn, your dues are due on the anniversary of your acceptance as a member. Those who have signed up for automatic payment will receive an email reminder shortly before this withdrawal.

*Individual - \$25*

*Family - \$40*

If you are not sure if you signed up for automatic withdrawal, please contact Membership Commissioner Kim Wilhite at 812-320-2627 or at [kimarawilhite@yahoo.com](mailto:kimarawilhite@yahoo.com).

## **2026 SSL Educational Programs, Mindy McIntosh Shetter**

### July

What did Mary, Queen of Scots look like? Facial Reconstructions from Death Mask & History (YouTube)

### August

The Medieval Afterlife of the Declaration of Arbroath (University of Glasgow) (YouTube)

### September

The Scottish Society of Louisville First Bake Off competition

### October

The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Festival of Knowledge- A Scottish Murder: Unravelling the Ardlamont Case (YouTube) or Friday Focus-Remembering the Scottish Witch Trials (Hunterian Glasgow) (YouTube)

### November

Heritage Auction/No Meeting

### December

Holiday Season/No Meeting

## **September Bake-Off Reminder!**

You know, September will be here before you know it. So, here is a reminder of our First Scottish Bakeoff. No, you will not be cooking at the meeting. Instead, you bring your dish so it can be judged. Please keep in mind this is just for fun... but there will be a trophy so to speak. What a great honor it will be to receive the first ever award for The Scottish Society of Louisville's Scottish Bakeoff.

What can you bring? First, it needs to be homemade. Second, nothing healthy. No meat, vegetables or fruit dishes you would serve for dinner. And third, choose something delicious!

Looking forward to a big crowd in September. If you can't or don't want to cook, bring your appetite!

## ***SSL Membership Meeting Minutes for June by Linda Wilson***

President Cheri Eskridge started the meeting at 7:00pm. There were no guests, and 19 members present. Cheri talked abouts Scotland's soccer team supporters at the World Cup games. Evidently they have drunk Boston's bars dry! They drank Houston dry, too. We sang "No Scotland, no party!" in support of Scotland's efforts in the World Cup.

Cheri talked about the history of football (soccer) in Scotland. It started about 1540, and has been going strong ever since. Their fans call themselves the Army of Scotland.

Vice President Marla Jo had nothing new to report for the Heritage Fund.

Judy and Kim were absent.

Steve reminded us that Bannockburn will be celebrated on Thursday, June 25th, at 6:00 pm. The program will be held after dinner. Several people signed up for this event, which we have attended for many years.

Mindy McIntosh reminded us that The Bake-Off is in September. Bring your finished dish to the meeting to be judged. We have a FUNdraiser on June 30th at Jason's Deli. Don't forget to bring your flyer to the restaurant. Some of us will be at the deli between 5:00 and 6:00 pm if you want to eat with a group of SSL members.

Cheri reminded us that 'World Fest will be held on the Belvedere on Labor Day weekend. We do not set up a table there anymore; ask about the Year of the Drums if you don't know why we stopped going!

Mindy told us that Carrie Oberfeldt has had a heart attack. He was in the hospital, but is recovering at home now.

We took a break for socializing and snacks, and I hate to say this, but only Anne remembered to bring anything to eat! Some of us had snacks to bring, and left them at home. Please remember to bring snacks in the future. I really missed them! And yes, I am ashamed to say I left my grapes at home in the refrigerator.

National Trust for Scotland: Love Scotland Podcast, Women's History Month

This podcast featured the life and times of Violet Jacob, poet and author. Violet Augusta Mary Frederica Kennedy-Erskine was born at the House of Dun in 1863. Despite having royal blood in her lineage, and living in grand surroundings, she played with the children of the servants and local farmers.

She was educated at home, and had access to a large and well-appointed library. She married at the age of 30 to an Irish major in the British Army. They moved around a lot, as those in the military are wont to do, but spent five years in India. She wrote a book about their lives there, which was well-received.

She started writing novels at this time and they were very popular in England and Scotland. She also took up painting as well, and created five folios of pictures of native flowers while they lived in India.

They had one son, who died while fighting in the Battle of the Somme in 1916 while serving in the military. She never recovered from his death. She and her husband were happily married until his death in 1936. Violet lived another ten years in England.

## 2026 Schedule of Upcoming Kirkings, Judy Stubbs

*If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Stubbs at [j.stubbs100@gmail.com](mailto:j.stubbs100@gmail.com) .*

Pastor, The Rev. K.T. Ockels, at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on **September 13th**.

Pastor, The Rev. Dave Bush, at Okolona Presbyterian Church has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans on **October 25th**

Pastor, The Rev. Allan Wallace, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to bring our Clan Tartans for a Kirkin' O' The Tartans in November. **DTBD**.

Mr. Jeff Butcher, President Emeritus, of the Louisville Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has invited members of The Scottish Society of Louisville to a Kirkin' O' The Tartans at St. Francis of the Fields in November, **DTBD**.

### **Inside Scotland's World Cup base: 'Braveheart' murals and altitude rooms (from Judy Stubbs)**

Covering 52,000 sq ft, the 'world-class', perfectly located facility in Charlotte was found after an extensive search by Steve Clarke and his assistants

Read in The Times of London: <https://apple.news/APJgc4RQaTVupxJ1NDhgCMA>

Mural from the practice facility used by Scotland's World Cup competitors



## Sarah Wallace Shares a Burns' Night Whisky Tasting

Here are some pictures and information about the Burns' Dinner and whisky tasting at the Tartan House on Jan 22, 2026. They had a catered meal with haggis and other Scottish foods. There was a Scottish man who worked for Brown Forman who told us about the whisky, then we tasted it. There was a bagpiper and a man who was reading Burns' poetry. I would definitely go again! It was sold out!



## Summer Adventures with Cheri

Cheri and her family went on a lovely vacation earlier this year, actually in the United States for once. As you can see, they went white water rafting (everyone survived!). The cute golden Lab puppy is their new “grandpuppy”.

I want to thank Cheri for sharing photos of her family’s “possibly death-defying” vacation!

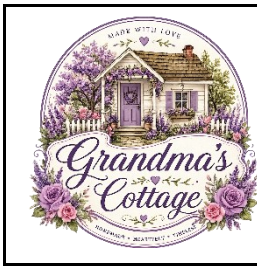


Cheri shared these pictures from The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The hotel opened in 1918. These empty bottles were displayed along with many others in the hotel.



More vacation photos. What a beautiful place for rest and relaxation!





# SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

## T-SHIRTS - \$20.00 each (any size)

	WHITE	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	GRAVEL	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	CHARCOAL	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	GOLD	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	SKY	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	CAROLINA BLUE	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	KIWI	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total
	VIOLET	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___	Total

## MUGS - \$10.00 each

	SSL LOGO	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	IT'S IN MY DNA	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	CLAN MCFRITZ	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____
	MARKS THE SCOT	Amount: _____	Total Cost: _____

Custom examples: Clan Crest/Badge (with or without name), Highland Cow, Photo of Scotland, et cetera.

Custom files need to be JPEG.




Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment methods: Cash, Venmo, PayPal (contact me for Venmo or PayPal info.)

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# July 2026

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