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Officers and Commissioners after taking the Oath of Office; Pat Schweitzer passing out the drinks for our toast of bubbly juice.

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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

Hello, fellow members. I hope you had a winner in the Derby, my horse is still running, if you happen to see him, show him the way home.

At our **General Gathering on May 28<sup>th</sup>** our own Steve Shetter Jr. (**Regional Celtic Commissioner**) will be presenting a program on **Scottish Weapons**. Believe me this is not a meeting you want to miss!

Then in June with warmer weather, many outside events start happening. On June 13<sup>th</sup> **CCUM** will host a **Twilight Market**. This is an evening farmers market with educational booths, music and food. The SSL will have a booth. This is a chance to communicate our mission with a whole new set of folks.

And once again on June 27<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to attend the **Bannockburn** and **Knighting** ceremony at the **Scottish Rite Temple at 200 East Gray Street** Louisville. They are furnishing dinner at 6:30 with their ceremony to commence at 7:30. The SSL is asked to carry our flags in a procession. A signup sheet will be available at the **General Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Let's get out there and let Kentuckiana know that the Scottish Society is alive and well. Wear your tartan whenever possible. Tell folks about our Society and ask them to be a part of their Scottish Heritage.

Looking Forward to a Great Summer for the Scottish Society!

Gary Schweitzer,  
SSL President





## Oath of Officers



Officers and Commissioners taking the oath; Damien Burns,,Electronic Services; Mindy McIntosh- Programs & Education; Gary Schweitzer-President, Linda Wilson, Newsletter Editor; Steve Shetter Jr., Regional Celtic; Erika Rivertree, Communications; Heather Baxter, Membership; Kimara (Kim) Wilhite, Member-at-Large; Anne Lewis, Hospitality; Cheri Eskridge, Treasurer; Judy Stubbs, Secretary; Robbin Goodin, Vice President



*Chancey Elementary School World Fest*



Volunteers Jack Bowling, Gary Schweitzer, and Judy Stubbs at the Chancey Elementary School World Fest event.



Chancey Elementary School World Fest



## *April Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs*

Interim President Gary Schweitzer opened the meeting at 7:06. Thirty-one members were present. There were no visitors and no new members needing to be presented to the membership.

In recognition of our connection to Scotland, we were surrounded by wall hangings, around the room, of many tea towels depicting scenes of locations in Scotland; additionally, a flag of Scotland, and the official Society's Banner were displayed.

The Installation Service for Commissioners and Officers Appointed by the Board was next.

The following members were installed: Gary Schweitzer-President, Robbin Goodin-Vice-President, Judy Stubbs-Secretary, Cheri Eskridge-Treasurer, Mindy McIntosh-Programs & Education, Linda Wilson-Newsletter & Editor, Steve Shetter Jr.-Regional Celtic, Erika Rivertree-Communications, Heather Baxter-Membership, Kimara (Kim) Wilhite-Member-at-Large, Damien Burns-Electronics, Anne Lewis-Hospitality.

Past-President and Past-Commissioner of Membership John Dickson officiated the Pledge for the above listed members.

Retired Member-at-Large Pat Schweitzer served each elected/appointed member a filled toasting glass of white grape juice and President Schweitzer then offered a statement about the Toast.

A break for hospitality treats and visiting was given, at this point, for members to meet and greet each other.

The business of the Society continued with the President asking each installed Board member to make their announcements at this time. The only ones were:

Retired Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling reported that Thursday, April 24, the Society will be staffing a table of our books at Chancey Elementary School from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. He also announced that the Park City Games have been cancelled.

Newly Installed Regional Celtic Commissioner Steve Shetter, Jr reported on several Festivals & Games:

"First of all, I would like to thank you for putting your trust in my abilities to hold this position. Following Jack, I have some big shoes to fill. This whole committee thing is a new one to me and it will take time for me to adjust, so bear with me please.

Second, I have received some mail in regards to the Southern Indiana Renaissance Faire, having outgrown the castle in Charlestown. It will now be held in Seymour, Indiana, beginning this weekend and running for several weekends. We will be needing volunteers for the event. If you can assist, please sign up and let us know when you can and for how long. It will be held at the Swifty Farms on U.S. 31 in Seymour. They have a map posted on their Facebook Page, with a detour as the state has decided to do road construction.

Park City Highland Games (Southern Kentucky Highland Games) has postponed their festival until May 2025. Games this year would be too small and the new date gives them time to arrange a bigger event.

Columbus Highland Games will be held in September and need s to be voted on. We will be needing volunteers for this event as well.

June 13th we will be setting up for the Twilight Market. This will be a Thursday night event from 5-8 pm. More on this as we get closer to the date.

Should you run across any other festivals and want more information, feel free to let me know. I will do what I can to get your desired information.



## April Membership Minutes, cont.

Retired Membership Commissioner John Dickson announced the number of members in each of these categories: 36 Lifetime members; 28 Family memberships; 12 Individual memberships. This totals 76 current paid members, and 49 past-due members. Mr. Dickson said that he believes that we need to approve 4 new members: Nancy Kirk, Richard Knight, George Maxwell, & Stephanie Maxwell.

The business portion of the meeting concluded. Newly installed Program and Education Commissioner, Mindy McIntosh introduced our Presenter Jill Baker.

Program title: "The Horse in Scotland" by Jill Baker. Jill's Bio states: "Education and Research Biography, Jill's undergraduate degree, is from Baylor University. She has done graduate studies at the Academia di Belle Arti in Florence, Italy, at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida and studied Archeology at Columbia University in New York. Her degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn is an MFA (Master's in Fine Arts/Painting.). Jill Baker taught Humanities (History) on the college level for years and has been researching Pre-Columbian peoples existing in the Americas for the past 10 years. She has published her findings in historical and literary publications, such as Ancient America. Her published research on, "The Maps Columbus Used," is available online on Academia.edu.

Jill's interest in horses is long-standing, as she was fascinated with them from childhood. She would seek out horses wherever she lived and try to ride them. When she lived in Tennessee, she was the owner of about 15 Tennessee Walking Horses and bred, trained and rode them in shows, and often won ribbons. One of the horses, a direct descendant of the original Pusher Tennessee Walker, was a beautiful blue roan, a natural racker, and won only blue ribbons. However, he was trained and ridden by a hired trainer. Her love of horses was fulfilled during this period of her life, and she still retains her love of horses. This is one of the reasons she was interested in researching their origins and history."

After the presentation about the horses, Vice-President Robbin Goodin, who is also the Auction Chair, made an announcement about the Dinner/Auction, held in November, and the need for members to reach out to businesses for donations. Robbin passed out Auction forms for members to consider giving to businesses to gain their donations for the Auction. She also reminded membership to make a copy and keep a copy for themselves for future copies if needed.

At the conclusion of the program, President Schweitzer announced that we still had half an hour to socialize before our exit time of 9:00 pm.

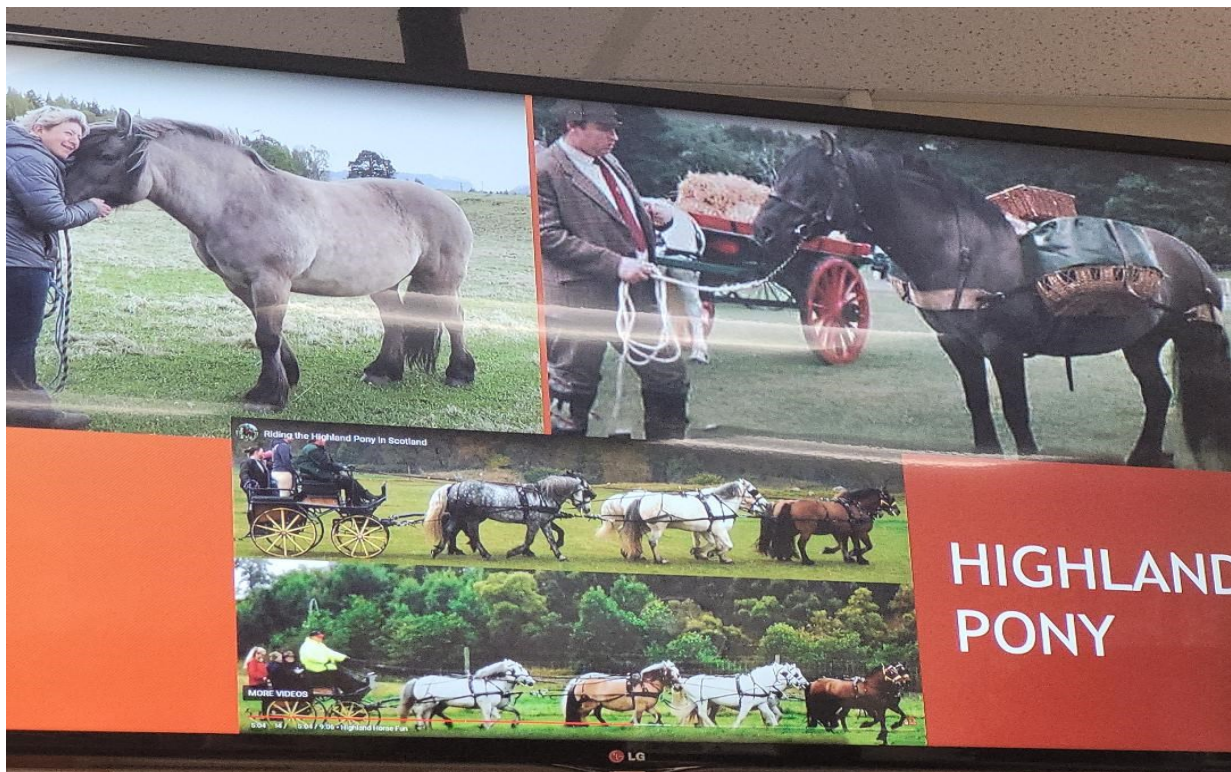
Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Stubbs-Secretary





## Program Photos

Program presenter,  
Jill Baker





## Program Photos

# CONNEMARA



Connemara ponies. Credit: [Tanya Hart](#)

- Height: 12hh – 14.2h
- Colours: Typically grey, black, brown, roan, cream.
- Temperament: Intelligent
- The Connemara pony breed from the Connemara region of Ireland. Its history is difficult and challenging lands, it has evolved over centuries and is the most recognized and most used in the world, often cross bred to create the perfect sport horse.
- From <https://equimatters.com/2017/05/01/connemara-ponies-to-know-our-native-ponies/>

# ICELANDIC HORSE IN GREENLAND




- The Icelandic horse is a breed of horse. Although the horses are small, they are strong. Most registries for the Icelandic horse are long-lived and have few diseases; in addition to the canter/gallop typical of other horses, they can also do the **tölt** and the **fülling**. In Iceland, they are also popular for riding.
- Developed from ponies in the 9th and 10th centuries, the historical records throughout the world to a named horse appears to be **Ólafur**, a horse **venerated in Germanic religion**. The country's earliest settlers, the Vikings, have developed the breed and selection has also played a role in eliminating many horses that were not suitable for the harsh climate.



# May 2024

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12 	13	14 SSL Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
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26 	27	28 SSL Member Meeting	29	30	31	

May Birthdays: Ron Kemper 2nd, Kay Glass 9th, Mark Robinson 12th, Christian Kreipke 14th, Kathryn Kessinger 16th, Annie Rivers 21st, & Edward Frederick 23rd





**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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16 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 SSL Member Meeting	26	27 Bannockburn Knighting Ceremony	28	29
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June Birthdays: Elspeth McKim 3rd, David Rummler 9th, Rowan McKim 10th, Carson Smith 12th, June Wallace 15th, Dave Wires 15th, Shawn McLeod 17th, & Janet Abell 28th

