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This is part of the Bannockburn event in 2023. If you have never gone to this, you have certainly missed an enjoyable time, from the dinner they serve to us, to the processional when we carry our flags into the auditorium, to the movie about the Battle at Bannockburn, to the Knighting ceremony.

Hope to see you all there!

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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 to You and Yours,

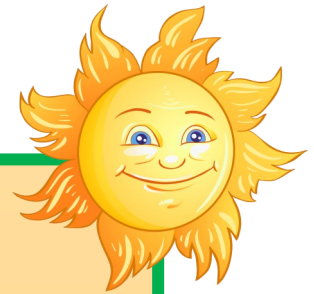
I hope you are enjoying the summer so far. Keep us posted if you are attending Scottish Games or maybe enjoying some trips to the far off Celtic lands.

The Scottish Society has an exciting month planned for June. We have been asked to host a tent for the **Twilight Market** at Christ Church Methodist (the one where we normally host meetings). **This event is June 13th from 5-8.** This is their inaugural event. They are promising farmers, artists, live music, food and more. We will assist folks to find out if they have any Scottish heritage.

The General Meeting on the 25th is a SHOW & TELL, grown up style. Bring something of an interest to you and tell your fellow members about it. It does not have to be Scottish. Quilts, Art, Tea pot, and of course anything tartan! This will be a social and informal gathering, its summer after all.

Bannockburn to follow on the 27th. Please see Steve Shetter Jr's report for more details. There is a free dinner involved! If you haven't signed up for this, you need to contact Steve Setter Jr. at sshetterjr@netzero.com or text at 502-389-2877 we will carry our Tartan Flags in their Knighting ceremony after dinner.

Have a wonderful Summer Season



SSL *Yearly Dues Renewal*

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Individual - \$25

Family - \$40

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Family - \$400

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The Scottish Society of Louisville

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May Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs

President Gary Schweitzer opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There were 24 members present and no visitors. He reported that we have 61 members in The Scottish Society of Louisville.

Approval of 4 new members: Nancy Kirk, Richard Knight, George Maxwell, & Stephanie Maxwell. Pat Schweitzer made the motion for approval of membership and Andrea Elgin seconded. Motion approved.

President Schweitzer announced the following upcoming events between now and the next GM Meeting:

Twilight Market at CCUM, June 13th, 5-8 pm.

Bannockburn at The Scottish Rite, June 27th. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Presentation at 7:30 pm.

GM Meeting at CCUM, June 25th, 7-9 pm. This meeting will be a Show & Tell, for a "Social Evening."

Burns Dinner Update:

President Schweitzer announced the Board's recommendation that we have a Burns Dinner in January of 2025. The Board would like to know the thoughts of the membership regarding location, ticket pricing, meal prices, alcohol, and what to include, such as toasts, live music, dancing, etc. Members were encouraged to contact any member of the Board with ideas. The Board would like input from the membership before the next Board meeting. Several venues have been suggested for Board discussions.

President Schweitzer then opened up the GM Meeting for Board Member's announcements:

President Schweitzer reported for Vice-President, Robbin Goodin:

"Please remember, the Silent Auction and Live Auction, are to raise \$\$ for the Heritage Fund, and depends on you. Please take a Donation Letter and Tax Contribution sheet as your master copy. Talk to Managers of your favorite spots and ask if they would make a contribution! Show them the letter, and talk it up. Get their contact info and reach back a week or two later if you haven't heard from them. Leave your contact info if they have any questions. Sometimes they may have to go through corporate which takes longer. It is NEVER too early to start! Thank you."

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Absent

Programs & Education Commissioner: No Report.

Newsletter Editor Commissioner: No Report.

Regional Celtic Commissioner:

"As of 5/14 Board Meeting, the decision was made to forgo the Columbus games. Mindy and/or I will attend to award the winner of the Dancer of the Day and represent the SSL. That is not to say you cannot attend. We collectively, as SSL, will not set up a booth this year."

"We need to be looking into schedules, although still a couple months out, for assistance in the Emence, KY. Highland Games. As we get closer to the date, I will put out a sign-up sheet for those wishing to assist."

May Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs, cont.

“Bannockburn night is closing in on us. Tonight there is a sign-up sheet being passed around. We would like all who attend to do so. It makes a great impression for The Society, to get to meet new people and re-visit former acquaintances. This event is on June 27th. If you have a Clan Flag, please bring it, or borrow one of the Society’s to carry in the Processional and Recessional. The choice is yours.”

“Twilight Market at CCUM will be held at the church on June 13th, 5-8 pm. It is a Farmer’s Market, an informational event, with a live band, artists, food and more. It is sponsored by the church, and SSL members are invited to have a booth to display our books.”

“Looking ahead at the Berea, KY, Celtic festival. Steve has messaged them in regards to getting more information about their event. August 17th-18th are the dates of the event.”

Social Media Communications Commissioner: Absent.

Membership Commissioner:

“Please fill out the attendance sheet. When bringing a guest, please have the guest sign in on the attendance sheet also. We had no new members at the May GM Meeting. Attendance at the April GM was 26 members, and 2 guests. Also, this is a gentle reminder to pay the membership dues, if you have not already done so.”

In Memoriam: Irene Stuart passed away last Friday and details will be in the Newsletter.

Member-At-Large Commissioner: No Report.

Electronics Commissioner: Absent.

Hospitality Commissioner: No Report.

Member Pat Schweitzer followed up on the President’s announcement, saying that it would be nice to learn about each other’s hobbies and interests at the June GM meeting. She reminded us to bring something to talk about, that it didn’t need to be Scottish, something that we think would be interesting, and to bring food.

The business portion of the meeting concluded.

A Hospitality Refreshment Break of 15-20 minutes followed, to enjoy the many goodies presented! Thanks to all who shared!

Program and Education Commissioner, Mindy McIntosh (the wife of the Presenter,) introduced Mr. Steve Shetter, Jr., the Society’s new Regional Celtic Commissioner. His PowerPoint presentation title was: “Armaments of the Highlanders.” Several weapons were on display and discussed. Mr. Shetter was dressed in appropriate historical attire, which included painting his face. His presentation was historically informative, well-done, and held everyone’s attention. He was whole-heartedly thanked by the membership.

May Membership Minutes by Judy Stubbs, cont.

Steve's bio states: "Steve Shetter, Jr., from Indiana, is a Film maker/Videographer, and Certified Chef." He writes: "After watching a few episodes of Outlander with Mindy, I became interested in the battles and bravery in the 1700's. Mindy bought my first kilt and I soon acquired my first bits of arms. The hand to hand combat intrigued me as well as close quarter skirmishes. Looking into weapons and strategies of battles has led me to gaining an interest into blacksmithing. That is my next personal adventure, creating my own weapons."

Mr. Shetter introduced member Mr. Jack Bowling, former Regional Celtic Commissioner, announcing that he would be presenting on The Battle of Culloden. Mr. Bowling shared about his involvement with "re-enactments." He was fully dressed in dazzling Scottish attire showing the best of Highlander military dress. Mr. Bowling announced that the Highlander's type of military dress included several different tartans, colors, a clan flower in his cap, weapons and bags, and an elaborate scarf to indicate stunningly beautiful military attire. We were also told that the Highlander men entered into battle very confident, proud, wanting to be noticed, and were dressed as flamboyantly as a "Peacock!" Mr. Bowling's presentation received much applause and thanks!

Near the conclusion of the evening, President Schweitzer encouraged everyone to come talk with the Presenters, and socialize, as we still had time left before our exit at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Stubbs-Secretary

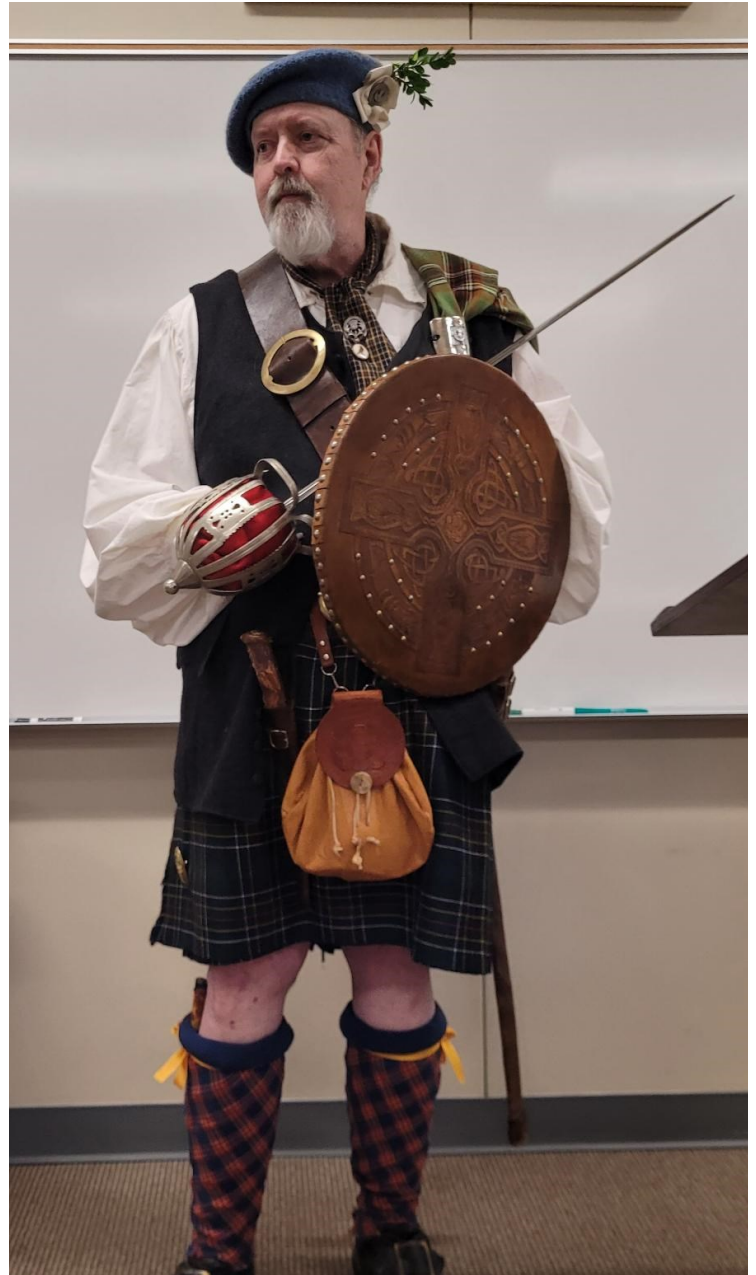
Some weapons, a target (shield), and several books our presenters brought for their presentation. Included were a basket-hilt sword and a dagger.



Program Pictures



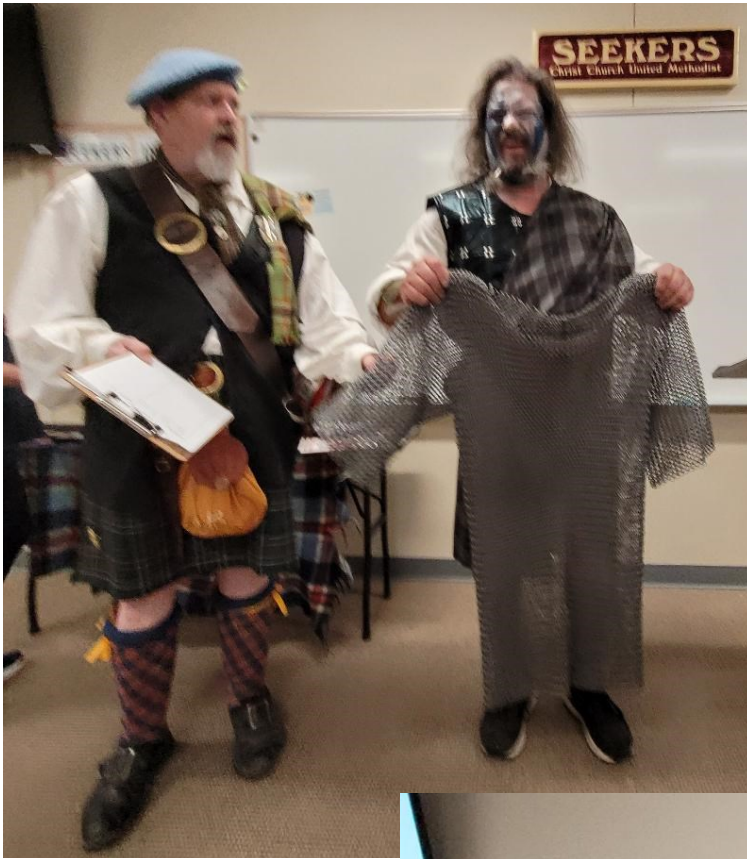
Steve Shetter, Jr. with a beautifully decorated sword. His clothing illustrates what a Highlander might have worn to battle; a kilt, leather arm braces, a padded vest over his shirt, a wide belt to hold weapons, and knee high stockings. Face and body paint was often worn, as well as decorative silver bands in his beard.



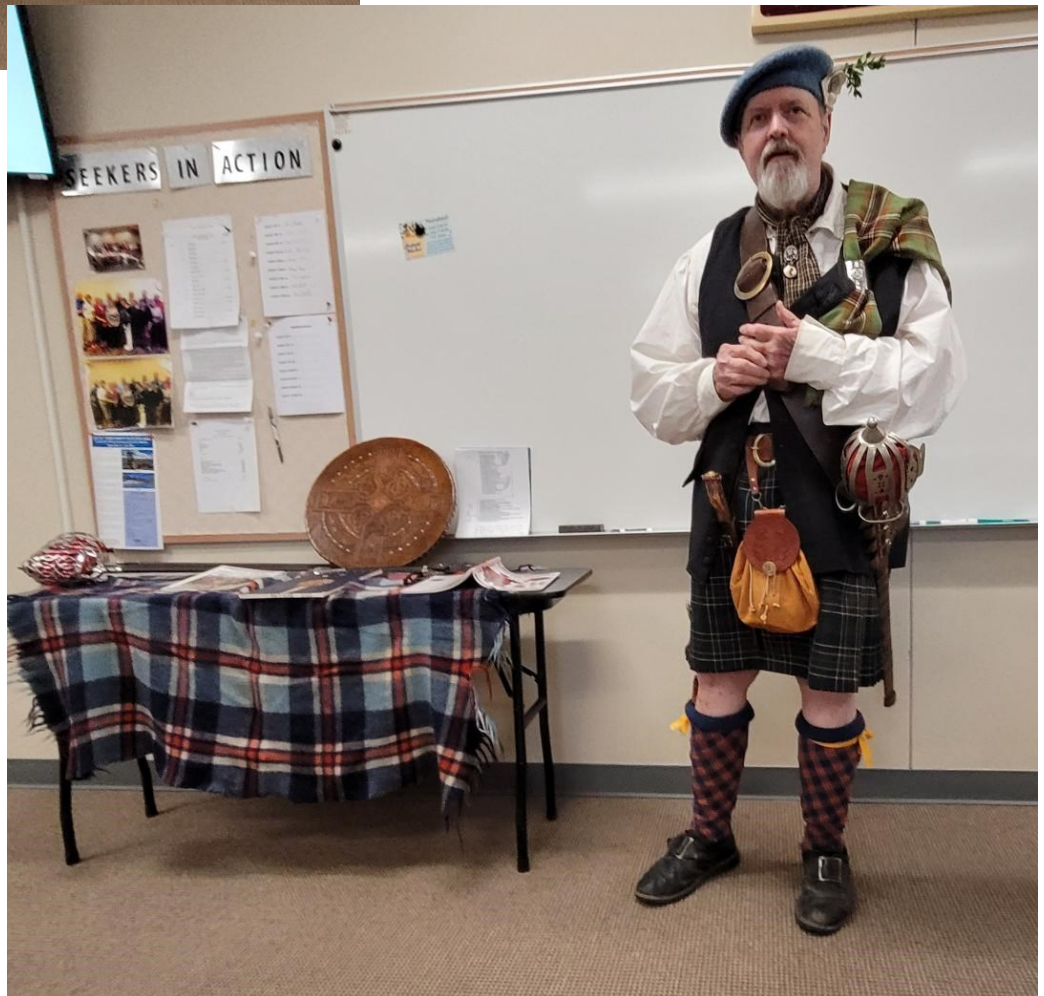
Jack Bowling, showing how to hold a targe, basket hilt sword, and dagger. He wore a kilt, sporran, soft wool cap, and knee high stockings. He also discussed the several long and short knives worn by Highlanders. It was common for men to wear 4 or 5 knives.

Women wore a neck knife both for defense and for use in household chores.

Program Pictures



Steve Shetter, Jr. also brought a chain mail shirt, and explained how it was worn. He told us about other items worn in battle, such as a chain mail head covering that protected the throat and shoulders, as well. These were usually worn by cavalry, as they are very heavy.



Jack Bowling giving his part of the presentation about Scottish weaponry.

2024 SSL Programs

June 25 Show & Tell

July 23 Cheri Daniels presents on a Tea Presentation

August 27 Allan Wallace presents on The History of Connections Between
American Samuel Seabury and Scotland.

September 24 Megan Burnett presents on Female Poets

October 22 Lorna Bolton presents on Halloween

November 12 Potluck Dinner/Auction at Strathmoor. Set up at 4:00pm.

December 24 No General Meeting

Show & Tell isn't just for preschool!

Share those small objects with big meaning — whether it's a collectible figurine, hobby item, souvenirs from a trip, or a favorite book.



If there's an item that's too big to bring, bring in a photograph.

Light refreshments available.

Bring an object and share its story!

Happy Genealogy Day, all ye researchers!

For those interested in tracing Scottish heritage, there is a wide variety of resources that can help trace Scottish ancestors. Scotland has some of the best kept, and oldest parish records in the most legible handwriting! Here are some:

1. **Scotland's People:** The official Scottish genealogy resource, offering access to the national records of Scotland. It includes birth, marriage, and death records, census records, and wills and testaments, among other documents.
2. **FamilySearch:** Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this free website offers a vast collection of records, including Scottish church records, civil registration, and census records.
3. **Ancestry.com:** While it requires a subscription for full access, this popular site has extensive Scottish records, including parish records, censuses, and emigration and immigration records.
4. **The National Archives of Scotland (NAS):** Offers access to historical records of Scotland. While not all records are available online, the website provides valuable information about the collections and how to access them.
5. **ScotlandsPlaces:** A resource for those interested in the geography of Scotland, offering historical tax rolls, Ordnance Survey Name Books, and maps that can help place ancestors in specific locations at certain times.
6. **The Scottish Genealogy Society:** Based in Edinburgh, this society has an extensive library and offers advice for genealogical research. Their website includes resources and information for those tracing their Scottish ancestry.
7. **Electric Scotland:** A comprehensive site with information on Scottish history, clans, tartans, and genealogy. It includes biographies, historical accounts, and links to other relevant resources.
8. **GENUKI Scotland:** Provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland. It is a non-commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers.
9. **The Clan DNA Project:** Various Scottish clans have DNA projects aimed at exploring genetic heritage and connecting modern-day descendants with their ancient lineage. Websites like Family Tree DNA also host such projects.

Happy hunting!

Courtesy of Pat Schweitzer

Sweet Remembrances

Adams Funeral Home , Henryville IN



Irene Stuart

November 14, 1935 – May 18,
2024

Obituary

Rev. Stuart was an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley (Indiana) having served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in various capacities beginning in New York City in 1956 and extending to her retirement from the Grammer, Indiana Presbyterian Church in 1997.

Irene may be remembered for her years of community service in New Jersey as an EMT, leader of Cubs, Girl Scouts, and 4-Hers, Christian Education, Synod of New Jersey/New England Music Camp Director, choral and orchestral participant and Pastor and Supply Minister in New York, New Jersey, and Indiana. Irene and her husband, Jack were members of The Scottish Society of Louisville; she served as secretary and he served as treasurer. She and her family raised several rescue dogs and puppies for The Seeing Eye.

Irene attended First Presbyterian Church in Scottsburg and was a longtime friend of Henryville United Methodist Church. She married John D. "Jack" Stuart in 1960. He passed in 2015. She is survived by daughter Deanna J., son John L. (Jyll), brother John (Lynda) Moser and William (Ellen) Moser, granddaughters Gabrielle and Ana Stuart, nieces Holly (Frank) Congiusta and Katherine (John) Hughes, and grandnieces and grand-nephews Elizabeth, Frank, and Robert Congiusta.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be directed to The Seeing Eye (Morristown, NJ) or the Henryville Community Food Pantry.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire
2 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire	3	4	5	6	7	8 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire
9 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire	10	11 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire	12	13 CCUM Twilight Market	14	15 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire
16 S. Indiana Renaissance Faire	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 SSL Member Meeting— Show & Tell	26	27 Bannock-burn 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



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7	8	9 SSL Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 SSL Member Meeting—A Tea Presentation	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July Birthdays: Simon McKim 4th, Jenny Dickson 7th, Melissa Ingram 8th, Robbin Goodin 11th, Steve Goodin 14th, Clay Ackiss 15th, John Dickson 17th, Kim Wilhite 20th, Linda Forbes 31st, and Caleb Payne ?

