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Some of the SSL members who participated in the Celebration of Bannockburn with the Scottish Rite are shown here. From left to right: Linda Wilson, Cheri Eskridge, Judy Stubbs, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter, Pat Schweitzer, Richard Bolton, Jean Hughes, Janice Sidebottom, Jenny Dickson, Lorna Bolton, Jim Hughes, Steve Shetter, Dianne Holland, Jack Bowling, Angie Bowling, Janice Beatty, Bruce Wilson, Gary Schweitzer, John Dickson, and Steve Goodin.

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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.**

## *Welcome New Members*

Welcome our new members, Peter Fossil and Denise Manson, both of Louisville. The members of the SSL are so glad to meet you, and hope you will enjoy participating in our member meetings and our many interesting events. Do not be shy about suggesting programs, speakers, or events you are interested in learning more about. Member participation is always encouraged.

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members.
- All meetings will have a program, some time to socialize, and a business meeting.
- January/February brings our Burns' Night Gala. You won't want to miss this! There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time!
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid, jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- October is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction with Halloween-themed decorations. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to their last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some are "White Elephants" that circulate among the members. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote Celtic related studies by individuals.
- November is our holiday meeting, with treats and Christmasy activities.
- In December, we do not have a membership meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible. We are so happy to have you as a part of the group!

## *Find Us On The Internet*

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/The Scottish Society of Louisville](http://www.facebook.com/TheScottishSocietyofLouisville)

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "Hi".

## More Information for New Members

### Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a single life membership is \$240, and a family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Membership Commissioner or for more details email at [scotsoflou@gmail.com](mailto:scotsoflou@gmail.com). All new life members are acknowledged at the Burns' Night Gala.

### Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.) language (Gaelic) and athletics (Highland Games). This fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up at the monthly SSL meetings from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, Gary Schweitzer, or by email at [scotsoflou@gmail.com](mailto:scotsoflou@gmail.com).

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.



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## President's Message

Tis the season - the season for gathering of the clans that is. From coast to coast clans are coming together to celebrate Scottish heritage with the brawny competition of the athletic games, sweet music of the marching pipers calling out to all the faithful kilted lads and lassies, ceilidhs, a taste of the venerable haggis and of course a few wee drams of the elixir of Scotland to get those kilts a swingin'.

Closer to home, the SSL monthly meeting was well attended with a most enjoyable virtual trip through the Scottish countryside and cities with our presenter and recent traveler to Scotland, Janet Abell. Also, what a treat, wee gifts of thistle emblems to commemorate her trip were shared with members. Again, thank you Janet.

As always, the SSL needs volunteers for programs, committees, interesting news articles and generally anything else in which you can participate. Diversity and new ideas are welcomed. Mark your calendar! The July meeting is sure to be verra, verra interesting presented by our own Scottish lassie, Lorna Bolton.

Hoorah! August 29<sup>th</sup>, plan to attend our Scotch tasting and fund raiser at the Keswick on Logan Street. See you there. More details to come.

Dianne Holland, President

## Scottish Coats of Arms by Linda Wilson

Last month I went over the general outline of Scottish Coats of Arms, and the meanings of various designs and colors used in making them. The Forbes Clan Coat of Arms was the first example I used.

This month, a member suggested I do the Clan Spalding. "The clan takes its name from the town of Spalding, in Lincolnshire, and can be traced back to as early as 1294, when John de Spaldyn, 'Magister' witnessed a grant of lands in Aberdeen. The Spaldings came to prominence in 1318 at the siege of Berwick by Robert the Bruce. The story goes that Petere de Spalding, a Burgess of Berwick, hated the English governor, and aided the besiegers in taking the town. He was rewarded by Bruce in May 1319 with the lands of Ballourthye, and Pitmachie in August. The principal family were the Spaldings of Ashintully.

*"Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia", Collins, HarperCollins Publishers 1994*

The coat of arms shows the clan name in the compartment under the shield, and has a gold shield with blue cross symbolizing an upright sword, with blue and gold feathery lines forming a chevron at the top of the shield, symbolizing faithful service and protection. Because the blue cross covers the shield in both directions, it may symbolize the wearer as a Christian having served in the crusades. The gold color of the shield stands for generosity and blue for loyalty and strength.

Family Crest 101 website, [www.familycrest101](http://www.familycrest101)



## Scottish Coats of Arms, cont.

The round picture on the tartan has the clan name in a compartment at the top of the circle, a castle within the circle, and the motto within the belt means “service is noble”. The castle inside the belt shows the gateway open with the portcullis half raised. I could not find a meaning for this, but I feel it suggests a welcoming but cautious attitude towards others.

Family Crest 101 website, [www.familycrest101](http://www.familycrest101)

Faithful service and protection, generosity, loyalty and strength are good attributes for neighbors and allies.

If you have a suggestion for the next coat of arms, please contact me at [tomatoladyone@yahoo.com](mailto:tomatoladyone@yahoo.com), or call me at 812-948-9324.



## SSL Member Meeting Minutes by Secretary Linda Wilson

President Holland introduced our presenter, Janet Abell.

Ms. Abell gave us an account of her recent tour of Scotland with her husband.

They started in Edinburgh, and went to the Palace of Holyrood, the King’s official home in Edinburgh. She had many pictures of the palace and its architecture and furnishings. She mentioned the Royal Mile, which is lined with shops and starts at the palace.

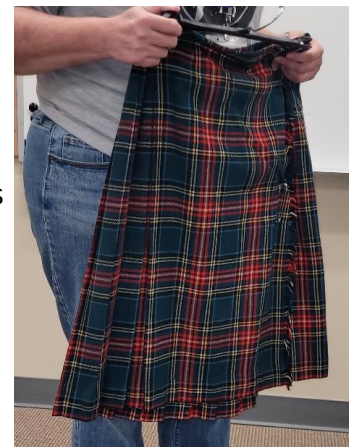
They visited Culross Palace in Crainsmuir, where some of the series *Outlander* was filmed. They were able to visit Inverness, Sterling Castle, and Drummond Castle (the formal gardens there were filmed to simulate the *Outlander* scenes in Versailles, France). They visited Inverness Castle, and the Culloden battlefield with its many cairns and stones displaying the clan names of the Scots who fought there.

They also visited Loch Ness, the largest fresh water lake in Scotland, and the Isle of Donen and the Isle of Skye. The Glengoyne Distillery was a memorable part of their tour, along with the Jacobite Train, Glenfynnen, Glasgow Cathedral, the Kelpie statues (shape-changing sea creatures that look similar to horses), and a statue of the national animal of Scotland, a unicorn.

The pictures of their tour were great, and we enjoyed Ms. Abell’s presentation very much.

President Holland had us break for snacks and socializing, after which the business meeting was brought to order. Remember to bring some small snack, or donate a few dollars to the snack fund. There were 29 members in attendance, a nice turnout for Ms. Abell’s presentation.

Member Shannon Fauver shared a kilt she received from her grandmother.



# SSL Member Meeting Minutes by Secretary Linda Wilson



Janet Abell, this month's presenter



Clan information



Souvenirs brought back from Scotland; upper left, Janet Abell, upper right, Clan information, (bottom photos) scarves in clan tartans, caps, jewelry, a scarf from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, and several other small items. Photos provided by Linda Wilson

## SSL Member Meeting Minutes by Secretary Linda Wilson

Our guests, Andrea Elgin and Kathy Gilbert, friends of Steve and Robbin Goodin, were greeted by the members.

**President Holland** started the business meeting by reminding us that the SSL is not political or religious in any way, as there have been some questions about this.

**Shannon Fauver** volunteered to take on the Programs and Education Commissioner role. The Board still needs a Membership Commissioner, as Susan Lucas had to resign.

President Holland asked for Board reports, starting with **Vice President Gary Schweitzer**. He talked about who the SSL are as a group and as individuals. We are members of the SSL, and our Society needs help with the upcoming auction and dinner. He suggested that each member bring at least one item for the auction that is in good condition and worth some money.

For the dinner, each member or family needs to bring a covered dish or dessert according to their last name; A-R can bring side dishes, and S-Z can bring desserts. The Society will provide the meat.

For set up, we need people who can set up and arrange tables and chairs, and arrange the auction items.

**The dinner and auction will be held on October 24th this year, with a Halloween theme for the table decor. The dinner and auction will be held at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church at 2201 Hawthorne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205.**

**Treasurer Cheri Eskridge** had no report.

**Secretary Linda Wilson** asked members to contribute photos and articles for the newsletter, and to let her know if you do not want your picture published in the SSL newsletter.

**Communications Commissioner Holley Holland** asked if members are receiving her email reminders. Several said they have seen them. In the near future she will be sending a survey about events we are doing.

Robbin Goodin has been in touch with SSL member Ed Frederick (of Eminence, KY Renaissance Faire). He needs help getting Clans to come to his Highland Games. If anyone is a convener for their Clan, or knows one, please let them know about this Highland Game. They can contact Mr. Frederick at

[GM@kyrenfaire.com](mailto:GM@kyrenfaire.com).

*Celtic  
Funnies!*



Celts are unique in that they can take the two instruments that annoy the most people in the world and place them in the same band; drums and bagpipes.



## Scotch Tasting Event

Hospitality Commissioner Melissa Ingram told us the SSL is doing a Scotch-tasting at The Keswick Club on Tuesday, August 29th. It is located on 1127 Logan St, Louisville, KY 40204. Street parking is available. For more information about the club, look it up on [thekeswickclub.com](http://thekeswickclub.com). This is a nice fundraiser for the SSL, and a chance to socialize with each other. Hope to see a lot of you there!

When the Scotch Tasting Committee checked out the building and parking, The Keswick was closed, so we could not get pictures inside. As you can see, the club is on the corner, so there is parking on two sides and across the street. There will be more information soon.



## *Regional Celtic Report by Jack Bowling*

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling reported that the SSL attended *MacBeth*, which was played at Shakespeare in the Park on Friday, June 16th. A table was set up to give out information to all who were interested in their Scottish background. The SSL was provided with a nice place to setup under the pergola facing the stage. Our volunteers were also provided with the table and chairs. We tried a new sign up sheet at this event. We asked for everyone to leave us their name, email address and clan name. Fourteen people left their information for us. And as always, we looked up their name, clan name, and tartan. This week I will look up some information for each of the individuals who left information, and in a week or two, I will send them an email inviting them to a meeting. Several people told us they had never heard of the Scottish Society, and we need to get the word out there.

On June 22nd, the SSL attended the Battle of Bannockburn with dinner at the Scottish Rite. John Adkins wanted 14 flag bearers and he also extended an invitation to all members who would like to attend the program and dinner. We had 26 members sign up. This was John's last Bannockburn as Knight Commander. It was a great event.

I'll have more information about our Fall events later at the July general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling

**President Holland reminded us that we need volunteers for Burns' Night, and we are looking for a new venue for Burns' Night as well. If you have any ideas, please let any Board member know, or bring it up at a membership meeting.**

The Glasgow Highland Games office was put up for auction in June, 2023.

The auction included over 30 years worth of Glasgow Games memorabilia. The money from the auction will go to local charities.

Some people are interested in reviving the games, but nothing substantial has taken place to support this revival.

Many SSL members have asked about the Glasgow Games, and I felt this would help to answer your questions.

I want to thank Pat Schweitzer for sending me an article from the June 21, 2023 edition of The Jobe Newspaper Network about the sale of the Glasgow office.

## *Bannockburn Celebration by Jack Bowling*

Once again we helped the Scottish Rite of Louisville celebrate the Battle of Bannockburn. The SSL was invited to dinner at the Temple, and to carry flags during the celebration. Those who were unable to carry a flag participated by joining the Scottish Rite members and family in the audience. As part of the flag procession, drummers and pipers were provided. It made for quite a fine showing.

A short video reenactment of the Battle at Bannockburn was shown, and the Scottish Rite held a ceremony for members moving up in their order. We were made to feel very welcome, and enjoyed our time spent with our hosts.

Some of the SSL members who participated in the Celebration of Bannockburn with the Scottish Rite are Bruce and Linda Wilson, Cheri Eskridge, Judy Stubbs, Steve Shetter and Mindy McIntosh-Shetter, Richard and Lorna Bolton, Jim and Jean Hughes, Janice Sidebottom, John and Jenny Dickson, Dianne Holland, Jack and Angie Bowling, Janice Beatty, Gary and Pat Schweitzer, Steve Goodin and Ron Kemper.

The cover photo does not show everyone who participated, as some members left before photos were taken.

Steve Shetter with flag, Jean Hughes (on the left), and Angie Bowling (far right).



Ron Kemper bringing a flag into the auditorium prior to the video.

*Bannockburn Celebration, cont.*



Steve Goodin with flag,  
entering the auditorium,  
Jean Hughes bottom left.



Gary Schweitzer carrying a flag  
out after the ceremony



Louisville Pipe Band in the auditorium.

## Member Contributions

Bruce and Linda Wilson went to an event on June 24, 2023 sponsored by The Silver Hills Historical Society, of which they are members. The Society sponsors similar events once a year. This one included a tour of the Woodbine Home, now owned by SSL members Richard and Lorna Bolton, and a catered reception and concert after the tour.

The Woodbine Home was built in Silver Hills in 1920. Anders Rasmussen and his wife Elizabeth had the 4,700 square foot home built in the Craftsman style with six bedrooms, three full baths and a large basement, plenty of room for a family of four. Rasmussen willed the property and house to the city of New Albany for a park, but the city turned it down.

Mr. Rasmussen had a large Estey pipe organ installed when the house was built. The pipe organ survives today after being moved from the living room into the hall. It has been restored several times, including the installation of additional rows of pipes (called ranks).

An Estey Organ Concert took place after the tour of the house, with both vocals and instruments, including the organ. The music was from the early 1800's to 1971. We really enjoyed the concert, and socializing with neighbors and members of the Society.

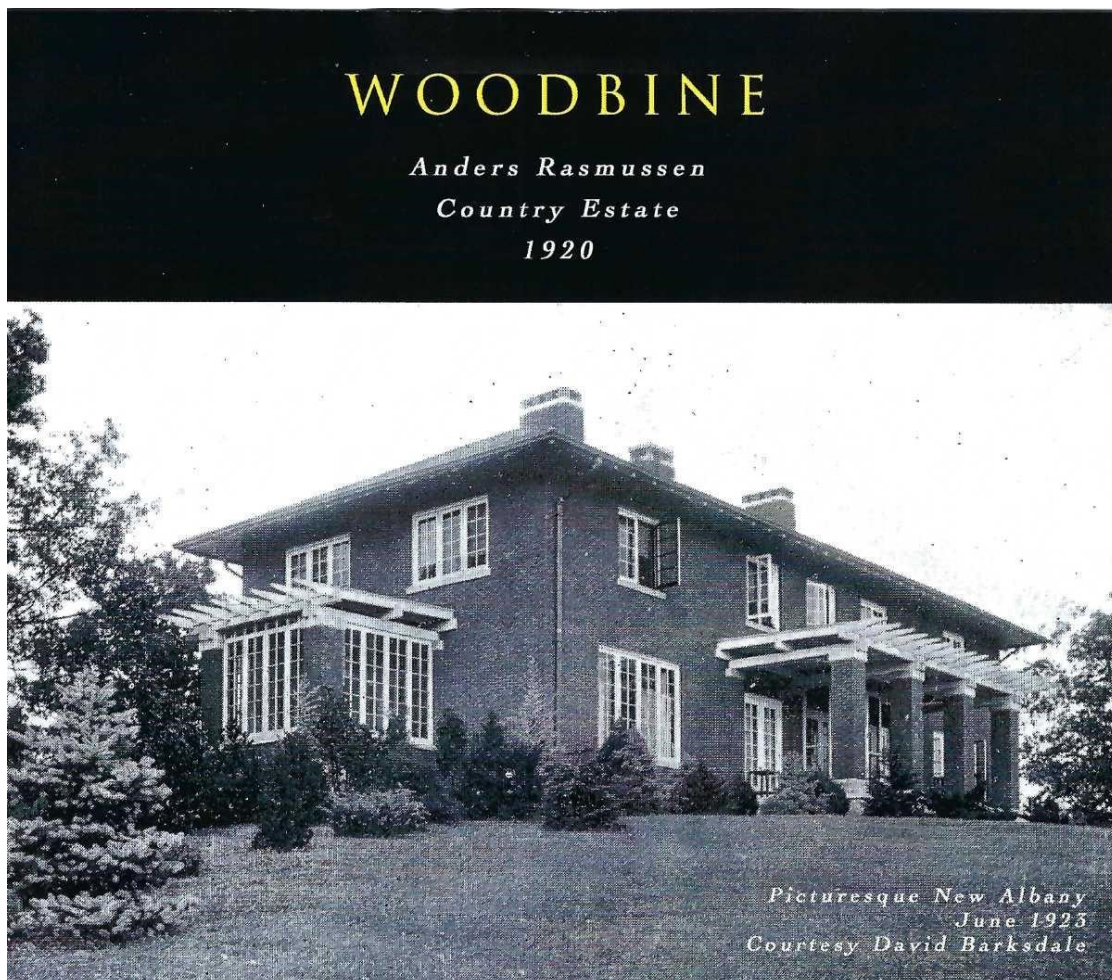


Photo taken by David Barksdale; used for the cover of the program.

*Member Contributions, cont.*



Lorna Bolton in front of the fireplace in her living room.



A baby grand piano in the study.



Buffet of delicious hors d'oeuvres. There was also a bar in the same room with wine, beer, and ice water.

*Member Contributions, cont.*



A view onto the veranda, which was set with tables and chairs for socializing after the tour and hors d'oeuvres.



Lorna and Bruce in the living room.  
Wow, did we have a good time!

A big "Thank you!" to Lorna and Richard.

Richard was there, but so busy we hardly got to see him.

## *Member Contributions, cont.*

Most of the Estey organ can be seen in these two pictures, along with the musicians and the singer. The sound was amazing!





## SSL Programs 2023

### Updated programs

July 25– Lorna Bolton

August 22 – Mindy McIntosh

September 26 – Pat Schweitzer – Seven Celtic Nations

October 24– Dinner/Auction - Strathmoor Church

November 28 – holiday meeting, with treats and Christmasy activities

December – NO general meeting – *Happy Holidays to all!*

Scottish Society member

North American resident

## Upcoming Highland Games in July & September

July 6-9

Grandfather Mt. Highland Games held at MacRae Meadows, Blowing Rock Hwy, Linville, North Carolina 28646.

For more information go to <https://gmhg.org>.

July 7-8

Saline Celtic Festival, held at Washington Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. For more information go to [www.salineceltic.org](http://www.salineceltic.org).

July 28-30

Dayton Celtic Festival

Riverscape Metro Park, 111 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402. For more information, go to [www.daytoncelticfestival.com](http://www.daytoncelticfestival.com).

September 9-10

Columbus, IN Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, 750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201

For more information, go to [scottishfestival.org](http://scottishfestival.org).




# July 2023

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



# August 2023

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27	28	29 Scotch-tasting 	30	31		

August Birthdays: Randy Harris 1, Joanie Britt 8, Pat Schweitzer 10, Amy Johnson 16, Laura Doll 17, Jeff Forbes 21, Holley Holland 21, Sarah McKim 27, & Marleen Bailie 28

