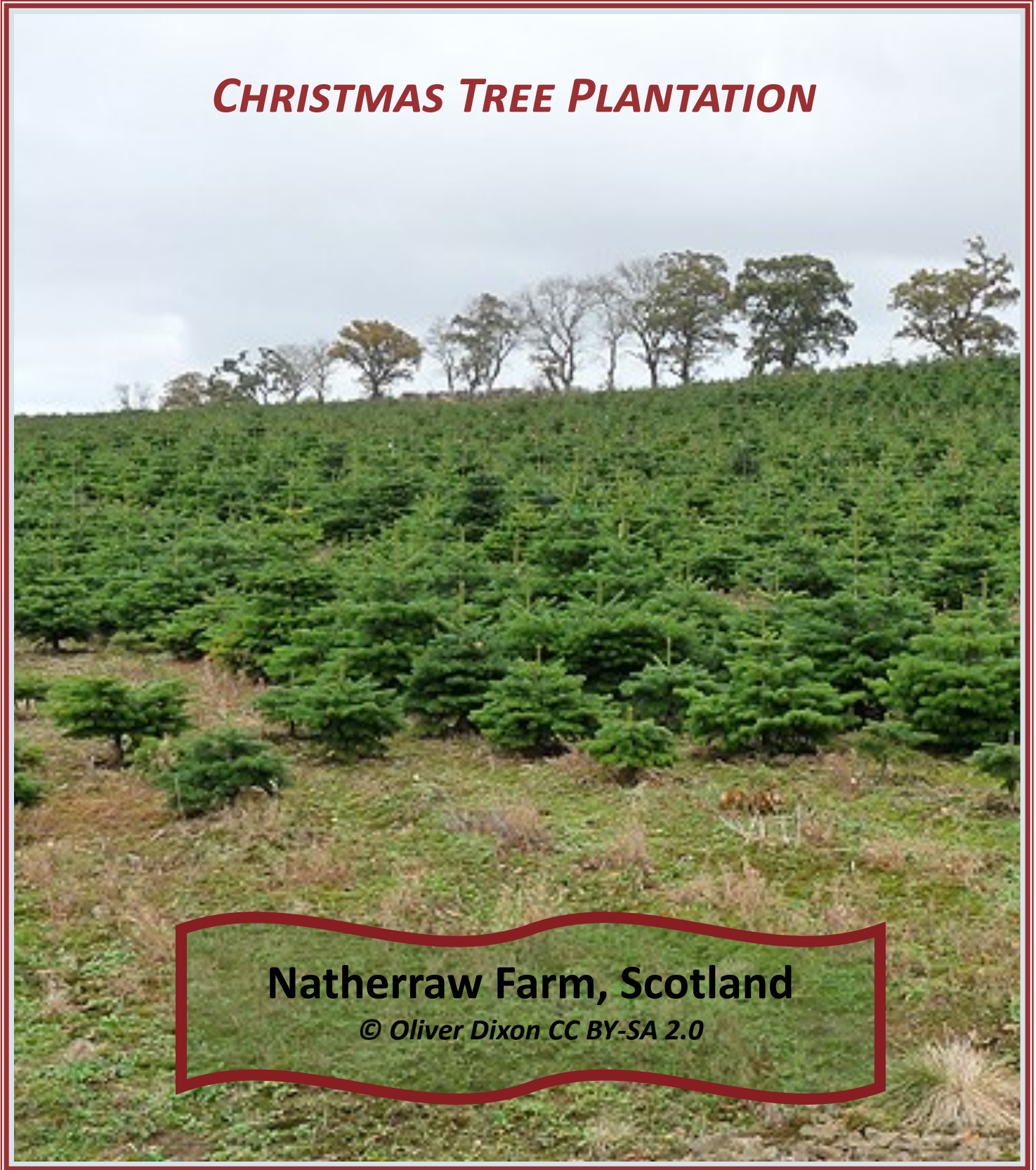




## ***CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTATION***



**Natherraw Farm, Scotland**

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## We Are 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 affiliation.







### *FROM THE PRESIDENT Bruce Wilson*

*I hope everyone had a safe and joyous Thanksgiving. We did. It was quite small, with Linda's father and our son Greg, sort of. Linda made up a care package for Greg, and he came to our house and picked it up on the porch. We talked through the storm door and really enjoyed seeing each other.*

*There will be no general meeting in December. In January we will celebrate Robert Burns' Night virtually because of COVID-19 restrictions. Damien is working very hard to make this a reality. You can catch the event on video from a link on our website for free when it is ready!*

*On the news today, it was announced that vaccines for COVID-19 should be available soon for the folks in nursing homes, medical professionals, and the elderly. That is great news! Let's hope that those who can get the vaccine take it. This is not like a cold, or the flu; it is much more contagious, and the death rates are much higher.*

*I miss seeing everyone, so please take care, and stay healthy and safe.*

*Bruce Wilson, President*



### *RECORDING SECRETARY Linda Wilson*

*SSL Membership Virtual Meeting  
November 27 2020*

*Mr. Wilson thanked all for attending our virtual meeting, which started at 7:15PM with 17 members present. Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin introduced our presenter, Peggy French, Pastor at Okolona Presbyterian Church, and a Scottish Society member.*

*Her program was titled "FROM JOHN KNOX TO JONATHAN WITHERSPOON: THE PROGRESSION OF PRESBYTERIANISM".*

*John Knox and John Calvin were both early figures in the religious Reformation, attempting to reform Catholics to Protestants. As we know, this produced a great deal of violent upheaval, sometimes with the support of the British Crown, but more often without. John Knox could not get along with any of the female rulers of the time and was frequently imprisoned. In his later years, when he had returned to Scotland, he established the "kirks", or Protestant churches, and wrote much of their liturgy. He was asked to write a "confession" for the church, which he did. The new Confession led to the ousting of the Queen of Scotland (Mary of Guise). Her daughter, Mary, fled to England, where she was a problem for her cousin, Queen Elizabeth. She was eventually executed there, but not before bearing a son, James, who became King of Scotland, and eventually, the King of England. King James is responsible for the King James' version of the Bible which we still use today.*

*Due to the war between Scotland and England, many of the losing Scots were sent to the New World. Most Scots were literate, as education was valued. In the Americas, John Witherspoon felt that all should be able to read the Bible, and he pressed for education for all so they could read.*

*In America, Scotsmen were instrumental in the formation of our government, which is a representative federation. Most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Scots, and their beliefs in education and representative government formed all the basis for our current government.*

*Peggy followed up with a short but true tale of how important one person can be. After the first winter, only 52 Pilgrims were still alive. One of these survivors had fallen off the boat on the way to the New World but was rescued. He was a direct descendent of the Bush family (two of our presidents). There would have been no Bush family if he had not survived.*

*We all applauded, as we enjoyed her program very much.*

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### *Business Meeting*

*Mr. Wilson asked for visitors, but there were none. He started our monthly virtual meeting by thanking all who had been able to come. He then asked for any old*

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**business. Seeing as there was none, he invited all to imbibe in their favorite beverage, and then went on to new business.**

**Vice President Jim Hughes was absent, and there was no report.**

**Secretary Linda Wilson had nothing to report.**

**Treasurer Cheri Eskridge reported balances in the General Fund, and in the Heritage Fund. Cheri said she has sent the files to Jeff Forbes and John Dickson so the audit can begin.**

**Membership Commissioner Marla Jo Cameron reported that we have 72 family members, 33 Life members, and 37 individual members, giving us a total of 142 members. We have several new members, which are reflected on the newest member roster. John Moffett thanked Marla Jo for her well-organized records.**

**Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis was absent, and there was no report.**

**Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin reported that nothing is going on at this time. She provided us with a schedule of programs for next year, which may still change. This should be available in the December newsletter.**

**Member At Large Dianne Holland was not at the meeting, but Pat Schweitzer was able to attend. She is still working on DropBox but says that most of the changes have already been made. She has posted daily on The Scottish Society of Louisville Facebook page, and suggests that we all check it out. No McFritz report.**

**John Dickson Head of the Nominating Committee from the Membership Committee. He says he has not yet sought out members to hold officer and committee positions but will begin soon. He has started to review Cheri's records for the audit.**

**John Moffett, our Newsletter Editor, asked how we liked the October newsletter. The new cover page was beautiful, and everyone agreed that it was a good newsletter.**

**Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns explained that he has worked on the website and has taken off the**

**button allowing people to buy Burns' Night tickets and replaced it with a donation button.**

**Our new Regional Celtic Commissioner is Janie Blome, who had no report since all events are canceled due to the pandemic. We let her know how happy we are that she has accepted this position.**

**As there was no more news to report, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:17PM.**

**Respectfully submitted, Secretary Linda Wilson**



## Virtual Burns Night Assignments

(Order Taken from the 2020 Burns Program)

- **MC—James Hughes**
- **Recognition of Clans (PowerPoint showing)—James Hughes**
- **Flag Display (Gary & Pat Schweitzer, Bruce & Linda Wilson)**
- **Procession of the Haggis—?**
- **Address to the Haggis—Mark Johnson**
- **Grace before Dinner—Rev. Peggy French**
- **Toast to The United States of America and to Veterans—Bruce Campbell**
- **Toast to the Lassies—John Moffett**
- **The Lassies' Response—Carol Moffett**
- **The Immortal Memory—Jeff Forbes**
- **President's Remarks—Bruce Wilson**



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**Pat Schweitzer is updating SSL Page daily.  
Remember when searching type**

**"The Scottish Society of Louisville"**

**Enjoy and stay current.**



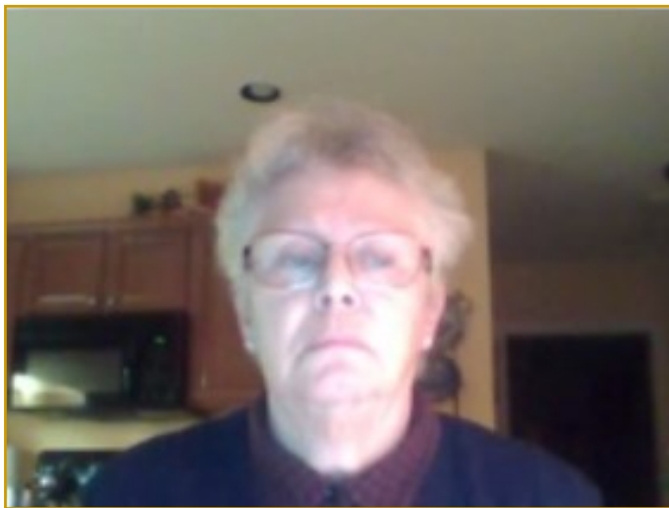
## SSL Virtual Monthly Meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Above: Some of the attendees at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

[LINK TO ONLINE MEETING](#)

**GUEST SPEAKER: REV. PEGGY FRENCH**



### ***"From John Knox to Jonathan Witherspoon: The Progression of Presbyterianism"***

*How the Presbyterian Church of Scotland brought many ideas into the formation of the New Colony and the building of the United States of America.*

*Peggy got right to her presentation telling us about the Scottish Protestant Reformation and the move from Papacy to a more Calvinist National Church of Scotland. Politics and religion resulted in lots of corruption to our right buying entrance into heaven by paying or giving gifts to the Papacy. He strongly opposed connections to the Catholic Church which resulted in his founding of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.*

*Two centuries later Johnathan Witherspoon a Scottish-American Presbyterian Minister was the president of the college we now recognize as Princeton University. He was very involved in politics of the new colony and signed Articles of Confederation and supported the ratification of the Constitution. He is truly a founding father of the United States.*

*Peggy provided a very interesting and historical program. Thanks, Peggy for your hard work and a great presentation!*

Further reading Links

[John Knox](#)

[Johnathan Witherspoon](#)



**EDITORS NOTE:** Under Tutelage of Witherspoon, Princeton University produced 12 state governors, 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention and a future president, James Madison, bringing Princeton on par with Yale & Harvard.

# Programs and Education Report

## November 2020



*Greetings one and all,*

*I do hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving wherever you celebrated. Ours was quiet and uneventful but productive.*

*I am sending the calendar of Programs for the 2021 SSL general meetings. I am very excited to announce we have several speakers from Scotland who are presenting for us this year. We are so fortunate that they agreed to be with us even though it will be midnight their time when we meet. They are real troupers. I do hope you will join us for these meetings, and that you reach out to other members and ask them to join us.*

*We start our new year with a presentation on January 26<sup>th</sup> about the life of Robert Burns, presented by Professor David Purdie from University of Edinburgh, Scotland.*

*This is just before our virtual Burns Night spectacular that Damien Burns is coordinating for us. Thank you Damien for all your hard work and thank you to all those who have sent in pictures and videos. I am very excited to see this presentation and take a walk down memory lane. I will be watching with my meal and drink in front of me trying to recreate a bit of the magic our Galas hold. I certainly will miss not seeing you all.*

*Next Members Night Out will be a Family friendly Show-n-tell. Gather one object that is special and be ready to share a short story of why it means something to you. The story could be funny or poignant. The object could be something you made, bought, were given or inherited. PLEASE join us even if you are not sharing anything.*

*See you next in January as we have no meetings in December. So while I am at it...Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and peace on earth to all!*

*Until we meet again, stay safe, stay home, stay healthy!*

*Peace,*

*Robbin Goodin*



## Scottish Words

**Nicky-tams** – leather straps used to keep ones trouser bottoms out of the mud.

*“His trousers are so old and tattered he hardly needs his nicky-tams”*

**Muckle** – a word used to describe the size in people and things in an extreme way.

*“Jamie was such a big muckle man, but so light on his feet.”*



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*As a young boy of 10 we used to play a game called “Muckle”. It didn't have many rules but the idea was to get the ball from one end of the field to the other. It was more like rugby or American football, but you basically (tackled) the guy with ball. You could throw the ball in the air and say muckle and the game would restart. It was fast-passed and rough. As I recalled it was fun, even with all the bruises and dirt-covered clothes.*



## 2021 Calendar Meeting Dates

January 26	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 25	November 23
June 22	December—No Meeting

## Commissioner of Programs and Education Announces 2021 Schedule

### By Robbin Goodin

January 26, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Dr. David Purdie (Scotland), Professor, Edinburgh University Title: ROBERT BURNS	WebEx	Online video
February 23, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Mel Hankla (USA) SCOTS INFLUENCE ON KENTUCKY History	WebEx	Online video
March 23, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speakers: Jeff Forbes & John Dickson (SSL) WHISKY VS BOURBON, <i>SORRY NO TASTINGS</i>	WebEx	Online video
April 27, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Stephen Hay (Scotland), CASTLES OF SCOTLAND	WebEx	Online video
May 25, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Pam Rotheroe-Hay (Scotland) SCOTTISH DRESS	WebEx	Online video
June 22, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speakers: Jim Hughes & Arch Cunningham (SSL) SCOTTISH TRIVIA	WebEx	Online video
July 27, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Alan Hay (Scotland) FARMING COMMUNITIES OF NE SCOTLAND	WebEx	Online video
August 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: Pat Schweitzer (SSL) [or other] KENTUCKY TARTAN	WebEx	Online video
September 28, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Tom Hay Bauer (USA) House of Scotland Beret Dernbach (USA) Highland Dancing	WebEx	Online video
October 26, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	SSL General Meeting Speaker: MEGAN BURNETT (USA) Scottish Ghost Stories	WebEx	Online video
November 23, 2021	7:00 PM	Tuesday	Dinner & Auction (or Other (SSL))	TBA	TBA
December No Meeting			<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>		

**Regular Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every Month at 7:00 PM.  
Regular Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM.  
Until further notice the Meetings are via Webex or ZOOM Video Conferences.**



## Regional Celtic Commissioner Janie Blome Volunteered



The duties include reaching out to the communities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana and being our primary contact for information to flow into SSL so we can be aware of activities of interest. Internally the duties are to register to attend games and community events like WorldFest and seek members to volunteer to participate at the SSL booth or tent. We also sponsor awards for individual competitions at games for piping, drums, and Scottish dance. Robbin Goodin (the outgoing RCC) is helping Janie get started. We thank her for doing a wonderful job as she has moved on to the commissioner of Programs and Education.

It is a great way to meet people and help the Society grow, keeping our membership up-to-date with what is happening in our region.

Thanks for your commitment and we wish you the best of luck. Also, feel free to contact any of the Board Members if you have any questions or you need help. Lift our glasses to Janie Blome!



## Membership Update

### SSL DUES RENEWAL

Dues renewal notices have already gone out VIA EMAIL. People can print off the form, fill them out & send the payment to

The Scottish Society of Louisville,  
P. O. Box 32248,  
Louisville, KY 40232-2248.

INDIVIDUAL - \$24, FAMILY - \$36  
LIFE - INDIVIDUAL - \$240, FAMILY - \$360

Or you can renew your membership and pay your dues Online by clicking on Pay Dues Online below.

### [PAY DUES ONLINE](#)

For those who joined in January and February –your membership renewal is due April 1, 2021.

Thanks,  
[Marla Jo Cameron](#)  
[Membership Commissioner](#)

You are welcome to download the membership brochure which has the information to join.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BROCHURE](#)

### Members as of November 24, 2020

72	Family Memberships
37	Individual Memberships
33	Lifetime Memberships
142	Members Paid





## Sticky Toffee Pudding with Carmel Sauce

*Submitted by Jenny Dickson for Laura Doll*

### Ingredients

<i>Pudding</i>	<i>Sauce</i>
<i>½ cup butter</i>	<i>1 cup butter</i>
<i>2 cups powdered sugar, sifted</i>	<i>2 ¾ cups light brown sugar</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	<i>1 pint, whipping cream</i>
<i>3 cups of flour</i>	
<i>8 oz. dates, chopped</i>	
<i>1 tsp. baking soda</i>	
<i>2 cups boiling water</i>	

### Directions

<i>Pudding</i>	<i>Sauce</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
<p><i>Preheat Oven 350°F.</i></p> <p><i>Cream the butter and powdered sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Gradually beat in the flour.</i></p> <p><i>In a separate bowl, sprinkle the baking soda over the chopped dates. Pour the boiling water over the dates and soda. When the water is absorbed, combine the dates and the creamed mixture. Spread batter in a 13x9x2 pan and bake for 40 minutes.</i></p>	<p><i>Melt butter over low heat. Stir in brown sugar until completely combined. Add cream and stir until fully incorporated. Cook over medium low heat until just boiling.</i></p>	<p><i>Poke holes in the cake and pour 1/2 of the sauce over the cake, allowing sauce to soak in. Brown cake under broiler until bubbly. Keep remaining sauce hot and spoon on to warm pieces of cake before serving.</i></p>



## Remembering the 2018 Dinner & Auction

Janice Beatty Recipient of the Alex Rose Award.



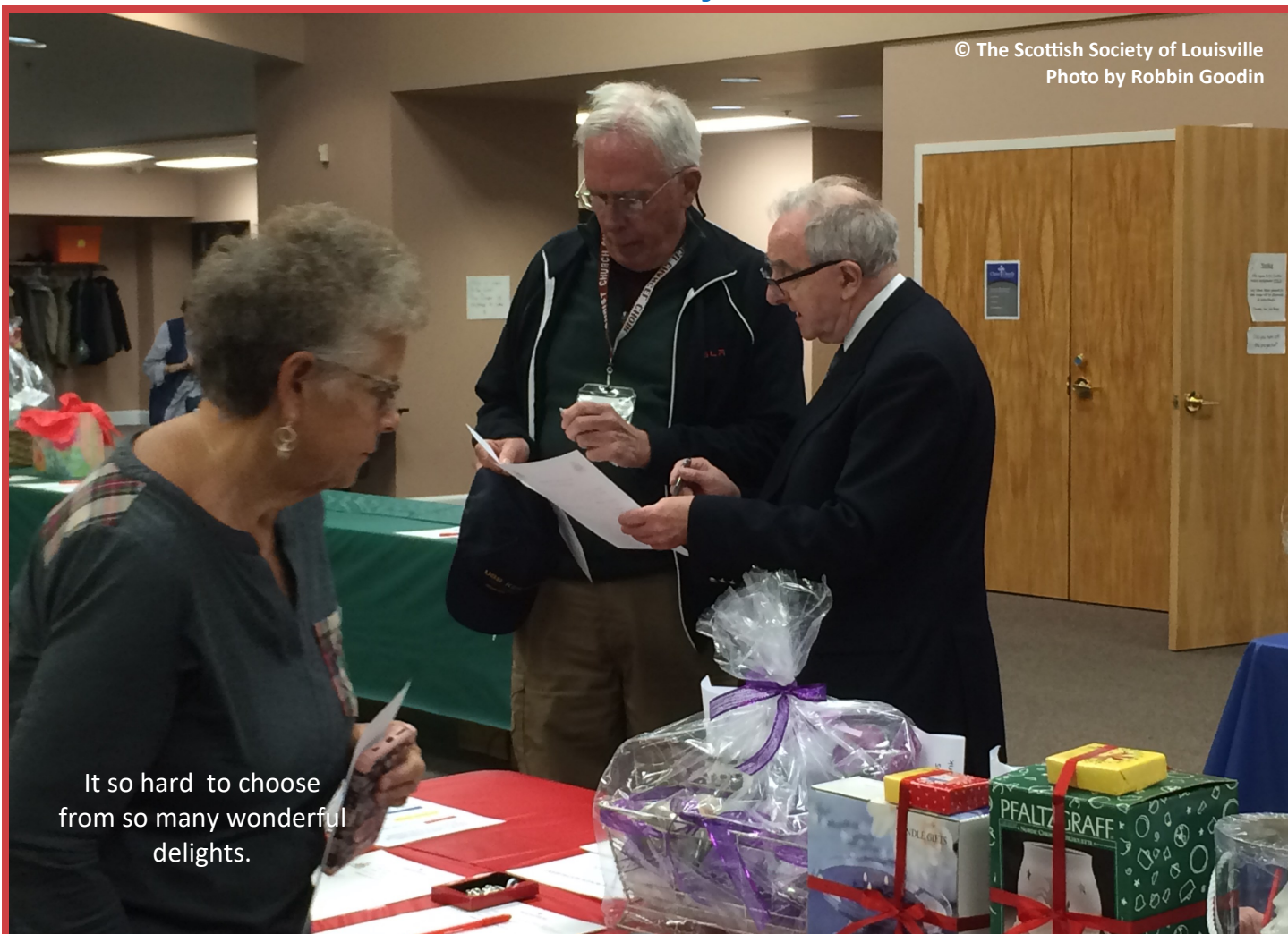
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It so hard to choose  
from so many wonderful  
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## 2019 Fundraiser at King Fish Restaurant

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## 2017— Middletown Library –Festival of Countries



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## 2017— KIRKING AT NEW ALBANY CHURCH





# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Meetings in December		1 Full Moon 	2	3	4	5 Greg Matthews Donna Ulmer
6 Greg Coomer	7	8 Rossann Yovich 7:00 PM WebEx Board Meeting	9	10	11 Jeff Boice	12
13	14 Louise Coomer	15	16	17 Brandt Ford	18	19
20	21 Denise Kirzinger  Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Santa Flies Tonight 	25 Timothy Spaulding 	26 Ron Howell
27	28 James Maguire	29 Mick Anderson	30 Full Moon 	31	1-1-2021 	

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5-Greg Matthews	14-Louise Coomer	26-Ron Howell
5-Donna Ulmer	17-Brandt Ford	28-James Maguire
6-Greg Coomer	19-Mary Esch	29-Mick Anderson
8-Rossann Yovich	21-Denise Kirzinger	
11-Jeff Boice	25-Timothy Spaulding	

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# January 2021—A Year of HOPE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 Nancy Dotson	9 Margaret Scharre
10	11 Jean Hughes	12 Angie Bowling 7:00 PM WebEx Board Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 Lynn Cole	18 Martin Luther Jr. Day	19	20 Jesse Andrews Inauguration Day	21	22	23
24 Jim Hughes Charla Perez	25 Robert Burns 262 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday	26 7:00 PM WebEx General Meeting "ROBERT BURNS", Professor David Purdie (Scotland)	27	28 Full Moon 	29	30 Karen Robinson
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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8-Nancy Dotson	12-Angie Bowling	24-Jim Hughes
9-Margaret Scharre	17-Lynn Cole	24-Charla Perez
11-Jean Hughes	20-Jesse Andrews	30-Karen Robinson

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*complete information on yourself and your parents but little if anything going further back, don't worry.*

3. *The next form you should fill out is called a Family Group Sheet. Fill out one sheet for each family. This is the form where you will record one family -- parents and the children of that marriage. As on the previous Pedigree/Ancestral Chart, fill in the names, dates, and places. If a divorce takes place, and one or both parents remarry and have children, this will involve creating a new Family Group Sheet for the new families.*

**Step Two:** *The next step is to decide what information you want to learn about your family.*

## BEGINNER LEVEL

### How to Prepare for an Online Search

*Whenever I am contacted by patrons who are beginning the research process, the first question posed usually involves when we can meet to perform an in-person online research. Because of COVID-19, in-person searches are more complicated because of social distancing guidelines. However, we still offer the service. This article is designed to prepare patrons for a successful session.*

*The main point I emphasize is preparation. Our ability to assist the patron is based on the amount of information they can provide. Even if a patron hires a professional, this fact will be part of the conversation. My goal is to put researchers in the best possible position for success. Here are my suggested steps to begin the research process.*

**Step One:** *Using a Pedigree or Ancestral Chart, record in pencil all of the information you already know about your family.*

1. *These details include names, date/year of birth, place of birth, date/year of marriage and place where ceremony took place, date/year and place of death. This chart tracks you, your parents, your grandparents (both sides), etc. across multiple generations.*
2. *If you don't know dates, there is nothing wrong with estimating them. In the beginning, if all you know is*

1. *Circle any missing or incomplete information on your Pedigree/Ancestral Chart or Family Group Work Sheet or both. Start with your parents or grandparents and work your way back in time.*
2. *Part of the decision will depend on your ultimate research objective. I've worked with some patrons who are only interested in the gist or highlights of various people in their family. The purpose of this study guide is more for those who wish to go as far back as possible.*
3. *If you fall into the latter category, feel free to contact me. I have a separate set of recommendations that would apply in that situation.*

**Step Three:** *Take the time to read a how-to-book on beginning genealogy research.*

1. *Study guides like this one will tell you what the steps are to proceed, but they will not be able to tell you the "why". In order to be successful in genealogy, you must know the historical context of the time period and purpose of the records.*
2. *Even if it delays the formal beginning of your research and making an appointment to meet with a research staff member, this step will pay long-term dividends and make the process easier.*

**Step Four:** *Investigate what research has already been done.*

1. *Talk to family members, relatives, or family friends and record any useful information or stories.*
2. *You may discover that they not only have details of interest but also original documents, photographs, family Bibles, military papers, journals, diaries, etc., that may be useful for your research.*



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**3. These would often be classified as home sources. One of my free study guides available upon request goes into greater detail on this topic. Ask permission to make copies of these documents.**

**Step Five: Begin recording this information, and especially where you found the facts.**

- 1. This is called citing your sources.**
- 2. As you progress through the research process, this will become the key to your long-term success.**

**Once you have begun the process of putting this information together, it will make it easier for the research staff member to get an overview of what you have gathered and help them discuss and formulate a research strategy. This will help make the online search more productive for both you and the staff member. It will also serve as a guide that you can use to proceed. I have multiple study guides on this topic that I can send electronically upon request. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.**

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## **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL**

### **Using Family Trees for Genealogical Research**

**As online research options have proliferated in recent years, the number of genealogists posting their family trees on databases such as Ancestry, Family Search, My Heritage, Find My Past, etc. has skyrocketed.**

**When you upload your information, the search engines on the site will start searching for matching records for you to look at. Then you can look at the records and correct your family tree. This seems like a wonderful tool and the fun news is that you don't have to be a paid subscriber to upload your tree; however, you do have to subscribe if you want to look at the records it finds for you. Even if the information you imputed isn't correct, these sites offer the capacity for other users to comment on the tree and give you correct information if they have it. This capability enhances the ability to share information in a timely manner.**

**The one caveat that most professionals advise users to remember is that these trees are meant to be used by others only as stepping stones to assist them in their**

**search for their ancestors. Many people, especially beginners, fail to view the information contained in online family trees any differently than they do the data found in a record source. When they are presented with individuals from a tree that appears to match their needs, they classify the information as accurate existing research and incorporate it into their research. This would be fine if every researcher took the time to carefully review the facts, make sure those facts had solid supporting evidence, and then added those facts to their tree along with attached record sources. But that is not how it usually happens.**

**Users should take the time to examine every source record and then determine for ourselves if it is valid and makes sense based on existing knowledge. Online trees come and go and change all of the time, and the records attached to them may disappear. You always want to be able to go back to your research and know exactly where you found every single piece of information. Family Trees without documentation should never be classified as proven research.**

**Another much safer and more reliable option that has come into widespread use is purchasing genealogical software programs. These programs have been around for years and include many features and friendly user interfaces. The common features they offer make it easy to navigate in your family tree, add citations for various sources and create reports and charts you can print or share as PDF files. Most of these programs are inexpensive and don't require any ongoing fees, except for optional upgrades. And your files reside on your hard drive, where you have complete control over them.**

**Most genealogy software programs offer online features. They might automatically search genealogy websites such as Ancestry or Family Search and give you hints to records or family trees that may match your ancestors. With a single click, they can automatically fill in search forms on genealogy websites. Hints usually cover only certain databases and you'll still want to experiment with different search criteria, but these features can save you a lot of time. Many programs offer the capacity to create reports for your viewing and analysis.**

**See Next Page for further sights to visit.**

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*For more information on both of these topics, I recommend visiting the following links:*

*American Ancestors – Choosing a Genealogy Software Program*

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/genealogical-software-programs>

*Family Search Wiki – Family Trees; an Online Research Tool*

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_Trees:\\_An\\_Online\\_Research\\_Tool](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_Trees:_An_Online_Research_Tool)

*Family Tree Magazine – Finding Ancestors in Online Family Trees*

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/resources/online/genealogy-in-online-family-trees/>

*Family Tree Magazine – Online Tree vs Genealogy Software Programs*

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*The Scottish Society of Louisville  
Invites You To Attend*  
**Virtual Burns Night Gala**



*The SSL board voted to create a Virtual Burns Night Gala. Our Electronic Service Commissioner, Damien Burns, is collecting Video Clips and photos of past Burns Nights and offering them on our webpage as a way of celebrating Burns, including new videos for the 2021 Virtual Burns Gala. If you have good quality photos from past Burns Nights please send them to Damien Burns. This will be a night to remember! Warm up your Haggis, Tatties and Neeps and have a wee dram of Scotch to celebrate.*



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## Information For Our New Members

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. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- ♦ All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- ♦ January/February brings our Burns Night Dinner. You won't want to miss that. 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.
- ♦ November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- ♦ In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.



Jim Hughes  
Chairperson

### 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, etc.) 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 on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, [James Hughes](#), or by e-mail at [vicepresident@scotsoflou.com](mailto:vicepresident@scotsoflou.com), or by using the online form [here](#).

**The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### Find us on the Internet

**You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.**

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

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

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts>

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."

### 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 life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.**

**Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Marla Jo Cameron, or for more details email her at [membership@scotsoflou.com](mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com) about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!**

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**Columbus Scottish Festival**  
[www.scottishfestival.org/](http://www.scottishfestival.org/)

**Central Kentucky Heritage Society**  
[pthdvg@email.uky.edu](mailto:pthdvg@email.uky.edu)

**Evansville St. Andrew Society**  
 Rosemary and Deron Cowan

**English Speaking Union**  
<https://www.esuus.org/>

**Glasgow Highland Games**  
[www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

**Indy's Irish Fest**  
[www.indyirishfest.com](http://www.indyirishfest.com)

**Irish Society of Kentuckiana**  
[www.irishkyana.org](http://www.irishkyana.org)

**Kentucky Highland Renaissance Festival**  
[www.kyrenfaire.com](http://www.kyrenfaire.com)

**Kentucky United Pipes and Drums (KUPD)**  
[www.kentuckyunited.org](http://www.kentuckyunited.org)

**Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipe Band**  
[www.lfrbagpipes.org](http://www.lfrbagpipes.org)

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**Ohio Valley Celtic Society**  
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**Scottish Society of Greater Bloomington**  
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**Scottish Society of Indianapolis**  
[www.indyscot.org](http://www.indyscot.org)

### **Contact our Cheer Person**

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, ***Jean Hughes***, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

## Ongoing Events

***The Louisville Pipe Band*** meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at [info@louisvillepipeband.org](mailto:info@louisvillepipeband.org) or visit [www.louisvillepipeband.org](http://www.louisvillepipeband.org).

***The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums*** meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit [www.lfrbagpipes.org](http://www.lfrbagpipes.org).

### **Change of Address, and other information**

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, *et cetera*, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Marla Jo Cameron at [membership@scotsoflou.com](mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com)