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Can you see the Forest for the Trees?



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By John Moffett

If you can see the forest for the trees, then you are a discerning individual and can see the big picture. That is exactly what transpired at our last General Meeting (March 27th) when we had open discussion about our Scottish Society. What can we do better? What should we be doing that we are not? What are our goals near and long-term? A host of great ideas were presented and discussed. Every one had their creative hats on and ready to take on the future!

In my opinion it was a very positive meeting and members covered a large spectrum of ideas from growing membership to public education. See the consolidated list below...

- ◆ Expand Activities at Games/Exhibits
- ◆ Conduct & Develop our own Games/Festival
- ◆ Involve Millennials via SSL Sponsored Whisky Tasting & Craft Brewery Exhibitions
- ◆ Advertise Heritage Fund Availability

- ◆ Increase Kirkings
- ◆ Provide & Advertise an SSL Genealogy Service
- ◆ Cookbook from SSL and/or Scotland
- ◆ Parade at Glasgow Games
- ◆ Essay Contest in Schools/Libraries
- ◆ Expand Formal Presentations
- ◆ Submit Articles Regarding SSL or Sponsored by SSL Regarding Scottish Culture to Local - National- and International Publications

Each idea is prioritized for short-term (1 year), moderate-term (1-2 years), and long-term (greater than 3 years).

Each one of the ideas will be implemented over the next few years and the board will be seeking members to help staff and put these ideas into action. As we set out to work on these, there will be changes needed and other opportunities that can occur. We all need to looking for new ways to do things and stepping up and working together.



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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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK George "Jeff" Forbes



A personal "Thank You" goes out to Jim Hughes (who coordinated) and all those who participated in the 150th Anniversary Kirking at Beulah Presbyterian Church. A beautiful morning for the service and one had to be very proud of all the flags representing the clans and families of the SSL on both sides of the sanctuary. As we recessed after the service we found ourselves standing in the sunlight on a hill behind the Church. It was a wonderful sight with all arrayed in an arc around the Louisville Pipe Band. Cameras were popping to capture the true beauty of the moment. It felt like Scotland. See the story and Photo of our group on Page 9.

By the way, we received a very nice "thank you" from Beulah Church. It included a generous donation to our Heritage Fund.

We sure had fun listening to the Next Exit at our last membership meeting. Many of us have heard them before either at Burns or previous meetings. This session was more interactive I thought with comments and questions going back and forth as they performed. Many of us found ourselves singing right along with them and clapping to that foot tapping Bluegrass beat. Great sound and just plain fun!!!

An official welcome goes out to our new members: Rosemary Fields, Barbara Spaulding, Doris Wyzard and Janet Abell. Best wishes to all of you and welcome!

I had the distinct pleasure at our last meeting of swearing in our next commissioners. Congratulations to: Robbin Goodin, Dianne Holland, Jim Hughes, Jane Seelig, and Melissa Ingram. You are the greatest! See the Photo on Page 5.

Okay, so we've got some big events coming up. On May 12th we will be involved with the How To Fest that occurs at the Main Library on York Street. We are told that there are typically over 3,000 attendees who come to learn "how to do" things. At the moment I believe we are going to provide presentations on How To Make a Kilt which includes a history and background on the kilt,

and a session on How to Make Whiskey with a comparison of the differences between making Scotch and Bourbon.

Shortly after the "How To Fest" event, comes the Glasgow Kentucky Scottish Games at Barren River State Park where we are the honored society. We are hoping to have as many members as possible take part in this event, especially for the parade on Sunday, at which time (2:00 pm) the SSL will be honored and recognized. We encourage all members to get involved and participate in these and other events down the road. It's great fun and a way to meet and make new friends.

Respectfully submitted,
George E. (Jeff) Forbes

P.S. - WARNING: Some entity has been sending emails to members of the SSL Board requesting that monies be sent to an unknown organization. They are using my email address as it is listed in this newsletter and signing it, Jeff Forbes. They may be sending these email to you, a member of the SSL. I have never used that email address. Please disregard and delete any email coming from that address. We are working to isolate the issue and ultimately fix it. We will keep you apprised as we proceed.



RECORDING SECRETARY Judy Stubbs



Membership Meeting Minutes April 24, 2018

Opening Remarks-Welcome Visitors and Guests-Jeff Forbes. Guest tonight is Janet Abell. President Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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- ◆ **Acceptance of March 2018 Minutes-Approved.**
- ◆ **April Birthdays—A rousing round of singing, accompanied by The Next Exit Band, and Jeff reported their names that are printed in the April Newsletter.**
- ◆ **Tonight's Program Entertainment is: Robbin Goodin's Band-The Next Exit playing Bluegrass Music.**
- ◆ **Intermission-Refreshments (15 Minutes)**
- ◆ **Installation and Oath to Newly Elected Commissioners. Piper and Procession of Commissioners-Marleen Bailie.**
- ◆ **Swearing In and Administration of Oath-Jeff Forbes**

Vice President's Report-Janice Beatty

Heritage Fund Report-Application acceptance closed on March 31. Committee met to review applications and decisions were made that these applicants receive support from the Society.

Treasurer's Report-John Dickson

Finance Report-Account balances from our General Fund and our Heritage Fund were reported. Books were audited this evening, approved and books are now closed. We're solvent.

Membership Report-Jim Hughes

Presentation of New Members for Acceptance/Vote-Approved for membership:

- ◆ **Barbara Spaulding**
- ◆ **Rev. Rosemary Fields**
- ◆ **Doris Wyzard**
- ◆ **Janice Abell**

Regional Celtic Report-Robbin Goodin

- ◆ **"How To Presentation" at Main Library-for 2 hours, volunteers requested to work the table-sign up.**

RECAP OF RECENT EVENTS:

- ◆ **25 people attended the Beulah Kirking, and a donation was made to us for the Heritage Fund.**
- ◆ **New photos from past events are in a binder and available for viewing this evening.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ **Glasgow Highland Festival & Games sign-up now**

open. Treasure Hunt Fun: Robbin showed membership the giant Nessie Egg that will stay in the Society's exhibit, with smaller eggs scattered among various individual member's exhibits with directions to find the giant Nessie Egg.

- ◆ **Scottish Rite of Louisville sent an invitation to the Society to participate in their remembrance of Bannockburn. Louisville Pipe and Drum band also invited. Event is on June 28, 6:30 for a light meal with program beginning at 7:30pm. All welcome.**
- ◆ **Grandfather Games are coming up and volunteers requested to sign up. We're combining with the Society of Cincinnati.**

Newsletter-John Moffett-Absent

Social Media/Web Site:-Marleen Bailie—Present & Stan Campbell -Absent, No Report

- ◆ **Arch reported on SSL Facebook page, invited members to put relevant info/photos on Facebook.**

Educational Programs-Carolyn Trego-Absent

General Membership program on May 22 is: Scottish Trivia with Arch Cunningham and Jim Hughes presenting.

McFritz Update-Pat Schweitzer

This coming Saturday, April 28, the German American Club, will hold an indoor Biergarten with the Rascals of Ragtime, from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

John Scott-reported on a genealogy record 1774-1775, reading a section as to why Scots are here, from a booklet. There was a law in England that reports had to be made as to why Scottish people left to come to America.

The Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Stubbs, Recording Secretary**



Swearing In Ceremony



President Jeff Forbes recites the oath for the official swearing in ceremony of the new SSL commissioners and at Large Board Members.

(L to R) Jim Hughes, Melisa Ingram, Jane Seelig, Diane Holland and Robbin Goodin. Stan Campbell and Carolyn Trego were Absent.



Top—NEXT EXIT Band Members (LtoR) Mandolin, Mike Schroeder; Fiddle, Tom Cunningham; Guitar, Dennis Halleron; and Upright Bass, Robbin Goodin.

Bottom: Performing Live leading songs of Bluegrass and foot stomping music at our SSL April 24 Meeting.



The Story of Willie Murdoch and Sheik Abdul

—On the Funny Side

Sheik Abdul Amunkir was admitted to Southampton General Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out for help.

Finally a Scotsman, Willie Murdoch was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Sheik.

After the surgery, Sheik Abdul sent Willie, as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds and 10,000 US dollars.

A few days later, once again, the Arab had to go through corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again. After the second surgery, the Sheik sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.

Willie Murdoch was shocked that the Sheik did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Sheik and asked him, 'I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds and some money, but you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.'

To this the Sheik replied, 'Aye Laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins.'

I am introducing a new member of our Scottish Family, Charlotte Elliott, parents are Matt and Jenny Elliott owners of the Scottish Trading Company.

Source: [Funny Scottish Jokes](#)



Membership Update

Jim Hughes, Membership Commissioner, reported the following new members.

Welcome New Members

Janet Abell

Rosemary Field

Barbara Spaulding

Doris Wyzard



Community Outreach—Tartan Day Celebrations

Making Great Connections!

This year to celebrate Tartan Day SSL set up a convening table at the Crescent Hill and Middletown Libraries that exhibited books and highlighting Scottish Heritage. The report which follows was written and prepared by Judy Stubbs. Jeff Forbes, Janice Beatty and Judy are responsible for the photos to showcase the events, that were very well received.

Forbes flag, and the Clan Leslie Flag. The flag of Scotland was placed on one side of the 6 ft. table holding many of our books: lists of Scottish names; Clan Biographies, Books of Tartans., and a rack that held copies of our Membership Applications. Both the Clan Forbes and the Clan Leslie flags were placed together on the other end of the same table. The branch manager pulled quite a few books and DVD's of Scotland and on Tartans, and had them on a nearby cart for their patrons.

—Crescent Hill Library-Friday, April 6th

Friday afternoon Jeff and I staffed our Society's exhibit at Crescent Hill Library for about 3 hours. The branch manager placed a table for all of our books in the room where patrons check out books, the reservation desk, which was near the front doors. I brought my 14 inch laptop and had the PowerPoint Presentation slideshow created by Andrew Day (the one he presented as a program for us last year) "The Geography of Scotland" on a thumb drive, that ran throughout the time.



Children's Table Setup

I made a new binder appropriate for "Tartan Day." I had found a description of why April 6th was important in Scottish history. That date in 1320 was when the Declaration of Arbroath was drafted and signed, in the Abbey of Arbroath, and included the names of the signatories with attached "seals." This document was sent to the Pope John XXII who worshiped and worked in Avignon, France (not Rome.) Also, included in this new binder is another document I found that gives some amount of description of the tartans of antiquity.

I was pleased with the quality of our materials that drew patrons to our table of materials, both our books and the binder holding children's coloring pages, boxes of crayons, and an example of a child's kilt and sash. Several patrons came into the library and noticed

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**Judy Stubbs (Recording Secretary) and
Jeff Forbes (President)**

Crescent Hill assistant librarians were especially helpful getting the slideshow up and running after we experienced a couple of glitches. Our exhibit table was in a highly visible location. A second table was placed nearby for many of Society's materials for children. We brought 3 flags/stands: the flag of Scotland, the Clan

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us, even if they didn't come to inquire. We did have at least five people come inquire and spent time with us learning. Several parents had children and I helped them to find a page to color.

I believe this is an important venue for us to present our materials, and this was the first for us in the Library system. We got into the library system very late, next year we'll contact them in January, for them to spread the word. Knowing that it was Spring Break in the school system made a difference. Branch Manager said she could tell there were fewer people around all week due to this.

All in all, the Branch Manager, and all of the assistant librarians were very enthusiastic and thrilled that we were there. We were all pleased and want to return next year, hoping we'll have a greater number of inquiries.

—Middletown Library-Saturday, April 7th

Saturday afternoon, Janice Beatty and myself staffed the Society's exhibits at the Middletown Library. Janice brought a mannequin body, (probably known as a dress form in the world of sewing), and hung on it a very beautiful and formal kilt, white shirt and tie, and jacket. I do not remember the name of the donor. We had a beautiful sporran donated by Gary Schweitzer. This was placed near our book table.

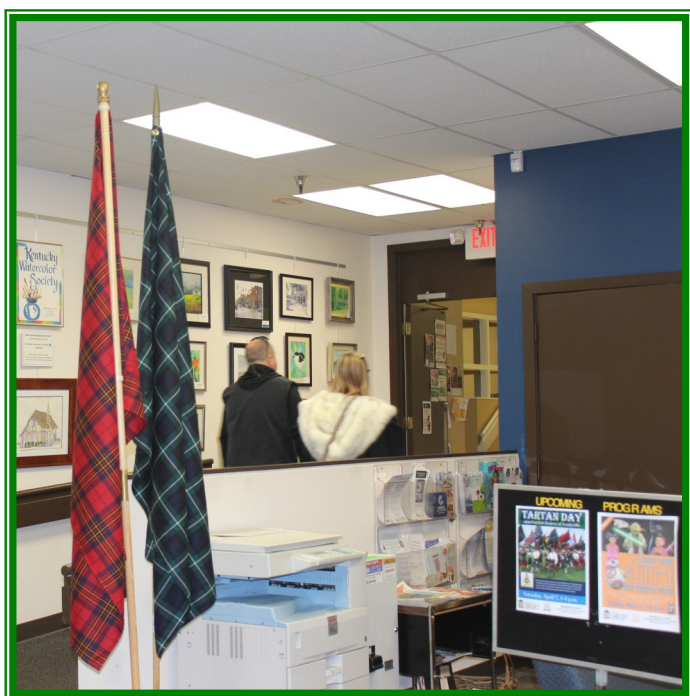


Judy Stubbs showing the "Official Scottish Kilt"

We also had another table for the children's materials that included a stuffed toy Scottie dog. The flag of Scotland was placed near the entrance to the Library so patrons would see it immediately as they entered; and the Clan Forbes and Clan Leslie flags were placed nearby. The PowerPoint slideshow of "The Geography of Scotland" ran throughout our exhibit. We had more patrons visit us than I expected, even though the Library Manager at Middletown said the number of patrons was less due to Spring Break. I thought it was a success! We had several women take membership applications.

The Branch Manager at Middletown and his assistants were thrilled we were there, said they've been told by patrons that they don't particularly like to drive downtown to the Main Library to see exhibits, so they did go all out for us. Assistants came to the car to help unload and bring into the building our stuff and the same when we closed up!!!

We made Great Connections and look forward to next year.



SSL Making at Difference in the Community.



Participants in the Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Photo by William Poole

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Beulah Presbyterian Church

By James Hughes

—Sunday, April 22, 2018

150th Anniversary Celebration Beulah Presbyterian Church

To assist Beulah Presbyterian Church in celebrating its 150th Anniversary, the Society was asked to join them in holding a Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service which we were delighted and honored to do.

More than twenty members and friends joined the congregation on a beautiful Spring day and proudly processed their flags into the Sanctuary behind Pastor Candi Cubbage, Intern, Madeline Hart-Anderson and liturgist Spence Poole. Scout Leader Brent Seth carried the US Flag and those of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana were carried by his two scout sons Colin and Lucas. The procession was led by pipers Marleen Bailie and Andrew Witten and drummer Christopher Robins from the Louisville Pipe Band; Marleen is also a dedicated Society member. The tartan flags were led by our President Jeff Forbes and members of the congregation joined us in the march.

In thanking the pastor and church for their hospitality, Jim Hughes asked that that they don't wait another one hundred and fifty years to ask us back!

In her sermon, Madeline reminded us of the myth and facts surrounding the true meaning of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan and it's a message that bears emphasizing. The Scots Confession 1560 was used as the Affirmation of Faith and we were very pleased with this welcome choice.

The recession took us out to the sunshine for thoughtfully provided refreshments and a photo call and extensive use was made of this opportunity.



What is the Kirking of the Tartans?



Photo by William Poole

As part of our sesquicentennial celebration, Beulah Presbyterian Church is hosting a Kirkin' of the Tartans service on April 22, 2018, during morning worship, with the help of the Scottish Society of Louisville and members of the Louisville Pipe Band.

*Kirkin' of the Tartans is a celebration of the Presbyterian church's Scottish heritage. The term Kirking, from the Scottish Gaelic word kirk, which means church in this usage, means "blessing." Tartans are the traditional plaid emblems of Scottish clans represented by unevenly spaced colored lines and rectangles on woven wool cloth. The Kirkin' of the Tartans service was created during World War II by Reverend Peter Marshall, perhaps best known by the biographical book and film *A Man Called Peter* - who was originally from southwest Scotland and at one time pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. In order to encourage Scottish Americans to sign up to fight on behalf of Great Britain, Peter Marshall recreated the Kirkin' of the Tartans ceremony to try to instill pride among Scottish Americans in their Scottish homeland.*

While most agree that the service is an American invention, it does seem to be based on the Scottish Proscription when the British Parliament forbade the wearing of the tartans and other Highlander regalia following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to restore the Scottish house of Stuart to the throne of England in 1745. In defiance of this proscription, the Scots would secretly wear or carry a piece of their beloved tartan to church on Sundays, and at a pre-arranged signal, the pastor would incorporate a blessing of the tartans into the prayer. Or, so the story goes. Our service will begin with a procession of Tartan banners to the sound of bagpipe and drum. All who wish to process in with the tartans are welcome to do so. Just congregate in the lobby and follow the pipes. We are having a Kirkin' of the Tartans service at Beulah during our 150th year to celebrate the religious heritage of our denomination, and the prayer of the blessing of the tartans is to be for our varied heritage, a blessing of our families.

Taken from Beulah Presbyterian Church's newsletter, "The Beulahatin."



**150th Anniversary Celebration
Beulah Presbyterian Church**

Photos by William Poole



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

Due Date April 1, 2018

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Louisville, KY 40232-2248

Make checks out to Scottish Society of Louisville



Membership Application

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail

Clan (Scottish Family) Affiliation(s) (if any)

Occupation

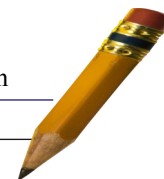
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Birthday (M/D)

Name of Spouse

Birthday (M/D)

Date of application (M/D/Y)



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Election Results for SSL Commissioners

Programs & Education	<i>Carolyn Trego</i>	Newly Elected
Regional Celtic	<i>Robbin Goodin</i>	Re-elected
Electronic Services	<i>Stan Campbell</i>	Newly Elected
Hospitality	<i>Melissa Ingram</i>	Re-elected
Membership	<i>Jim Hughes</i>	Re-elected

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	4	5 Carl Kramer  Kentucky Derby
6 Hardin Gregg	7	8 7:00 PM CCUM SSL Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 Mark Robinson "How-to-Fest" Main Library (10-3 PM)
13 	14	15	16 Kathy Kessinger	17	18	19 Pat Gregg
20	21	22 7:00 PM CCUM SSL General Meeting "Scottish Trivia"	23	24	25	26 Kristen Davis
27	28 	29	30	31 Ron Goad		

May Birthdays

5-Carl Kramer	16-Kathy Kessinger	31-Ron Goad
6-Hardin Gregg	19-Pat Gregg	
12-Mark Robinson	26-Kristen Davis	

Is your name missing from our birthday list? Contact Jim Hughes at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date added.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Carolyn Trego	2 Stan Campbell
GHG = Glasgow Highland Games					GHG	GHG
3 Parade at 2:00 PM GHG	4	5	6	7	8	9 Barbara Spaulding
10	11	12 Carson Smith 7:00 PM CCUM SSL Board Meeting	13	14 Flag Day	15 Barbara Ford June Wallace	16
17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	18	19	20	21 Roger Bain Peter Esch Summer Solstice	22	23
24	25	26 7:00 PM CCUM SSL General Meeting Dickson's "Clan Connections"	27	28 Janet Abell	29	30

June Birthdays

01-Carolyn Trego	12-Carson Smith	21-Roger Bain
02-Stan Campbell	15-Barbara Ford	21-Peter Esch
09-Barbara Spaulding	15-June Wallace	22-Janet Abell
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2018 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

5/8/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
5/12/2018	How-to-Fest, LOUISVILLE MAIN LIBRARY, 301 York St, Louisville, KY 40203 (10-3:00 PM)
5/22/2018	SSL General Meeting-Jim Hughes and Archie Cunningham, "SCOTTISH TRIVIA" (7:00 PM)
6/1-3/2018	GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES, Barren River State Resort Park
6/12/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
6/26/2018	SSL General Meeting-John & Jenny Dickson-"CLAN CONNECTIONS" (7:00 PM)
7/10/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
7/24/2018	SSL General Meeting- John Moffett-"MOST OUT OF THE NEWSLETTERS" (7:00 PM)
8/14/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
8/28/2018	SSL General Meeting-"Scottish Cooking with Carol Moffett-Savory Dishes" (7:00 PM)
9/1/2018	WORLDVEST Belvedere (the events is from August 31—September 3) this only day for SSL
9/8-9/2018	COLUMBUS SCOTTISH GAMES, Bartholomew Fair Grounds, Columbus Indiana
9/11/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
9/15/2018	CENTRAL KENTUCKY CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES—Eminence, Kentucky
9/25/2018	SSL General Meeting-Megan Burnett -"SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES" (7:00 PM)
10/9/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
10/23/2018	SSL General Meeting-Carol Jarboe, "BODY-SNATCHERS, GHOULS & MEDICAL COM." (7:00 PM)
10/28/2018	KIRKING, Okolona Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY (10:45 AM)
11/13/2018	SSL Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
11/18/2018	KIRKING – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New Albany, IN (10:00 AM)
11/27/2018	SSL General Meeting-"Dinner & Auction Fund " (7:00 PM)
12/25/2018	No meeting s all of December-Merry Christmas

Giant dinosaur footprints found on the Isle of Skye in Scotland show the ancient paths taken by T-rex's cousins.

*Original Article by Amanda Kooser (April 3, 2018)
C|NET (SCI-TECH)*

Researchers in Scotland have discovered the dinosaur equivalent of humans stepping in fresh cement. A series of fascinating dinosaur tracks tracing back to 170 million years ago are still visible in a tidal area on the Isle of Skye in Scotland.

This area was once a shallow lagoon. The tracks show herbivorous sauropods (relatives of the famous Brontosaurus seen below), and theropods (older cousins of the even more famous Tyrannosaurus rex) once strolled through the muddy ground during the Middle Jurassic period (between 163—174 Million Years ago).

A team of researchers led by University of Edinburgh paleontology student Paige dePolo cataloged around 50 footprints. Drone photographs of the site helped the scientists analyze the fossil tracks.

The University of Edinburgh describes the find as "rare evidence of the Middle Jurassic period, from which few

fossil sites have been found around the world." The team published its findings this week in the Scottish Journal of Geology.

The paper discusses the importance of the Middle Jurassic, referring to it as a key era in dinosaur evolution at a time when sauropods grew to massive sizes and the early meat-eating tyrannosaurs diversified.

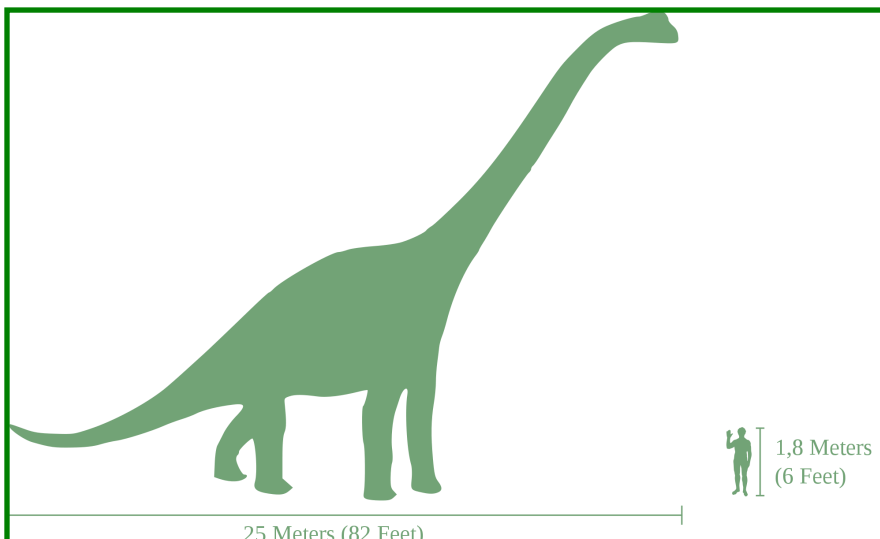
The footprints help bolster the idea that dinosaurs of that time period spent quite a bit of time hanging out in lagoons.



*The footprint came from a long-necked sauropod.
Credit: Paige dePolo*

The Isle of Skye site joins a list of other trackways discovered around the world, including an impressive sauropod-stomping site in France and a spot in Australia where researchers found some of the most massive dino footprints on record.

LEFT: Giant sauropod dinosaur Brachiosaurus and a human from Wikipedia Commons.



*For more information See the
[Original Article](#)*

Callanish Stones — Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides



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By John Moffett *alignments are related to the moon During my next trip to Scotland I will or other celestial bodies. No one take time to visit some of the*
I have often wondered about the knows for certain — we can only standing stones—I'm looking for the
standing stones in Scotland and speculate, but it does make you one that is vibrating that will take me
England. I have traveled to Stone- wonder why they are there and in to the future!
henge and it was a marvelous trip certain locations.

and very thought provoking. Recently, the Outlander Series of books written by Diana Gabaldon have featured standing stones and used for time-travel. But more realistically thinking, the standing stones do seem to be associated with ritualistic lore.

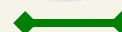
There are many theories regarding these stones; one indicates it was used for prehistoric religious activity, another is prehistoric lunar observatory, others believe the stone

This location is in the western part of Lewis Island. This location possibly helped to protect the stones, since it is in such a remote location.

At Stonehenge I remember how quiet and eerie it was and felt. They encouraged people to use the audio-players that you held to your ear to identify important information without disturbing anyone around you.

Live long and prosper!

For an overview of the Callanish Standing Stones see the video clip, "Isle of Lewis & Harris from the Sky with a drone" by Stuart MacIennan below. [Running time 5:13]



ON THE ANTIQUITY OF HIGHLAND DRESS

By Professor Sayce

Edited by Michael B. Gunn, Ph.D.

In his Presidential address to the Anthropological Section of the British Association, Prof. Sayce dealt with dress as indicating certain racial facts. As he spoke of the high antiquity of the Highland dress, we quote this portion of his address, for it is both of interest and importance.

There are few things about which a population—more especially in an early stage of society—is so conservative as the matter of dress. When we find the Egyptian sculptor representing the Hittites of the warm plains of Palestine clad in the snowshoes of the mountaineer, we are justified in concluding that they must have descended from the ranges of the Taurus. That is where the bulk of their brethren continued to live. Just as the similar shoes with turned-up ends which the Turks have introduced among the upper classes of Syria, Egypt, and the northern Africa, point to the northern origin of the Turks themselves. Such shoes are utterly unsuited for walking in over a country covered with grass, brushwood, or even stones; they are, on the contrary, admirably adapted for walking on snow.

Now, the dress of Celtic Gaul and of southern Britain, also, when the Romans first became acquainted with it, was the same as the dress which “linguistic paleontology” teaches us had been worn by the primitive Aryans’ in their first home. One of its chief constituents were the braccæ, or trousers, which accordingly became to the Roman the symbol of the barbarian. We learn, however, from sculptures and other works of art that before the retirement of the Romans from the northern part of Europe, they had adopted this article of clothing, at all events during the winter months. That the natives of southern Britain continued to wear it after their separation from Rome is clear from a statement of Gilda’s (“Hist., 19”) in which he refers in no flattering terms to the kilt of the Pict and the Scot. Yet from within a century after the time of Gilda’s, there are indications that the northern kilt, which he regards as so strange and curious, had become the common garb of Wales.

When we come to the 12th century, we find that it is the National costume. Giraldus Cambrensis gives us a de-



scription of the Welsh dress in his own time, from which we learn that it consisted simply of a tunic and plaid. It was not until the age of the Tudors, according to Llyud, the Welsh historian of the reign of Elizabeth, that the Welsh exchanged their own for the English dress. The Welsh, who served in the army of Edward II at Bannockburn, were remarked even by the Lowland Scotch, for the scantiness of their attire, and we have evidence that it was the a century later. If we turn to Ireland we find that in the days of Spenser and later, the National costume of Irish was the same as that of the Welsh and the Highland Scotch. The knee breeches and sword-coat, which characterize the typical Irishman in the comic papers, are survivals of the dress worn by the English at the time when it was adopted in Ireland.

The Highland dress, therefore, was once worn not only in the Scotch Highlands and in Ireland, but also in Wales. It characterized the Celtic parts of Britain, which the exception of Cornwall and Devonshire. Yet we have seen

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that up to the middle of the 6th century, at the period when Latin was still the language of the fellow-countrymen of Gilda's and when "Cunedda's men" had not as yet imposed their domination upon Wales, the old Celtic dress with trousers must have been the one in common use. Now, we can easily understand how a dress of the kind could have been replaced by the kilt in warm countries like Italy and Greece; what is not easily conceivable is that such a dress could have been replaced by the kilt in the cold regions of north. In warm climates a lighter form of clothing is readily adopted; in cold climates the converse is the case.

I see, consequently, but one solution of the problem before us. On the one hand, there was distinctive Celtic Dress of the Roman age, which was the same as the dress of the primitive Aryan, and was worn alike by the Celts of Gaul and Britain and the Teutons of Germany; on the other hand, there was the scantier and colder dress which originally characterized the coldest part of Britain and subsequently medieval Wales also. Must we not infer, in the first place, that the aboriginal population of Caledonia and Ireland was not Celtic—or at least not Aryan Celtic; and secondly that the dominate class in Wales after the 6th century came from the northern portion of the island where the kilt was worn? Both inferences at all events, agree with the conclusions which ethnologist and historians have arrived at upon other grounds.



The Donald on Bagpipes...
"If I've told him once, I've told him twice... Don't run with bagpipes, because you could put and AYE out or worst yet, get KILT!"



Editor's Note:

The original article was published in the Gaelic Gazette (Newsletter of the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati), Spring 2018. Pat Schweitzer sent this to me and I followed up writing to the editor of the article and asked for permission to bring you this interesting story about the origin of the Kilt. Thanks to Dr. Gunn who responded with permission.

A Editorial Comment

By John Moffett

The photo seen on the front page of this Newsletter captures the foggy forest and is dreamlike or mystical feeling. I spend a great deal of time finding the right cover photo every month. It gets harder and harder find a front page photo that allows free use of the photo. This time the source is Creative Commons and they publish photos to use, share even commercially without any charge or restriction. When I use Goggle search there is advanced search setting under tools that can filter photos and exclude any copywrite restricted photos. Even if you search for free-photos, most of the searches will produce copywrite protected photos. You may get 1,000 images initially, but change the advanced setting and sometimes you may get only 0-20 images that we

can of use.

Pictures tell a story of their own and entice the reader to open the newsletter, but it is difficult to obtain permissions and it takes time for answers when corresponding. Some photos can be used only, if you buy them. Depending the photos they could cost upwards of \$50 to \$100 dollars. That is too costly for most nonprofits, but what it does do, is limit what I can show.

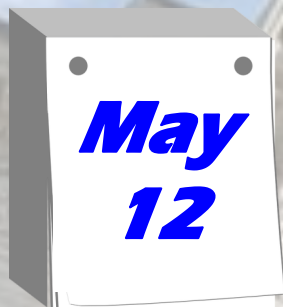
Some owners have marks imbedded into the photograph, that make the photo unusable.

On some photos you can use them, but they require to show the source and give credit to the photographer or news source. You have seen those references used often in our newsletter. This is frustrating at the least.



FUTURE EVENT

Mark Your Calendar



How-to-Fest Invitation

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Louisville Free Public Library

301 York Street

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

SSL is invited to exhibit our materials, business cards, applications, flags, etc.; and additionally, we can make many presentation over a 2-hour period to speak about Scottish interests/events/culture/history. More information will be given at the next Monthly Meeting.

Contact Robbin Goodin for more Information.

FUTURE MEETING

Scottish Trivia

May 22, 2018

Our Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Following that a mind-draining and memory-challenging topic of

Scottish Trivia

Moderated by Jim Hughes and Archie Cunningham

Christ Church United Methodist

4614 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY



FUTURE EVENT

Glasgow Highland Games

June 1-3, 2018

Barren River State Resort Park

1149 State Road Park, Lucas KY

***At this Years Event the Scottish Society of Louisville
is the Honored Society.***

***Come and have fun. On Sunday at about 2:00 PM
we will March with the Other Clans. Mark your
calendar and plan to be there for the March.***

FUTURE MEETING

Clan Connections

June 26, 2018

Our Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Following that a mind-draining and memory-challenging topic of

John & Jenny Dickson

Christ Church United Methodist

4614 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY

Regional Celtic News

Glasgow Games

If you are going to the Glasgow Highland Games and will be there Saturday evening you are invited to SSL's Potluck at Janice Beatty's campsite again this year. Campground Site # 87 this year. If you are attending bring your own chairs, something to contribute to the potluck, your own adult beverage and good weather. Inclement weather will cancel this event. There will be a Grill for you to cook your own meat. Also provided are hot dog/hamburger buns, cutlery, plates, cups, condiments for burgers/dogs, lemonade, water, stovetop for warming foods will be provided. Robbin is bringing Glasgow guacamole. Contact Janice Beatty with questions.

Attention all members: the parade of Tartans is scheduled for Sunday, at 2:00 PM but that time is an estimate.

THANKS TO ALL

Thanks to all who attended the Eat & Greet Event a Molly Malone's on Friday, April 6th. Some members of the Louisville Pipe Band added a touch of class to the event and entertainment for the members and public to hear. This event was a fund raiser for Portland Avenue Community Trust and from sales received of \$105.

Thanks to all who participated and to Molly Malone's!

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTHEAST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

March 20, 2018 5-8 PM

Barrowing a motto from the postal workers, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" Well workers at the SSL Exhibit at IUSE did just that. After setting-up John Dickson, Janice Beatty, and Robbin Goodin were treated to a snowy return following the event. Thanks for stepping up and slushing through the snow to deliver our Scottish Education and Heritage Exhibit to the public at the festival.



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 the last page 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
- ♦ November is a really fun meeting. We have a potluck 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 study of Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- ♦ In December, we do not have a meeting.
- ♦ Please visit the table that is set up at our meetings. You will find brochures for upcoming games, magazines, SSL items that are for sale, and many other things.

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.

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, Janice Beatty, or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form [here](#).

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

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, Jim Hughes, or email him for more details at membership@scotsoflou.com about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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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 or visit 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.lfrbaggpipes.org.

The Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Avenue. For information, contact Paul Vice (evenings) at (502) 584-4222.

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 Jim Hughes at membership@scotsoflou.com