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The McLanahan Irish Dancers at the Raven Celtic Summer Concert

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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

The members of the SSL look forward to meeting like-minded people, interested in extending their knowledge about all things Celtic. We encourage those with questions about their own heritage, as well as anyone interested in 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!

More Information for New Members

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".

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. 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.

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

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!

President's Message

President's Remarks:

Hello to our SSL members, friends and family. Without a doubt, the dog days of summer are here. Our leisure time tends to be occupied by activities of family fun, swimming, picnics and staying cool. However, in spite of the long hot days, our Board and committees are still actively planning interesting presentations for our monthly general meeting and our society presence at games and gatherings in Kentucky and Southern Indiana starting with Worldfest in September. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets as we're always looking for volunteers.

We've had some recent turnover on the SSL Board. So, we're now looking for good Scottish minded lads and lassies to fill these positions. The open positions are Hospitality, Membership, and Communications Commissioner. WE NEED YOUR HELP! These volunteer positions are important to maintaining the Scottish Society of Louisville. Please reach out to any Board member if you have an interest in any open position.

Hope to welcome you to our next general meeting August 22, 2023. Stay safe and cool.

Slainte,

Dianne Holland

President Holland reminds 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.

Planning for Burns' Night needs to start now, so any ideas need to be brought to our attention as soon as possible.

Editor's Note:

The Scotch tasting event has been cancelled. The SSL would still like to do this at a future time; watch the newsletter for further information.

Sweet Remembrances

This month's featured Cunningham Clan is dedicated to the memory of Christopher "Chris" Cameron Cunningham May 28, 1970 - July 7, 2023. Chris so loved his Scottish heritage.

Rest in peace,
Slainte'
Dianne Holland, President

"Christopher "Chris" Cameron Cunningham, age 53, of Louisville, Ky passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023, with his loving family by his side. Chris was born on May 28, 1970, to Archibald "Archie" Cameron Cunningham and Ellie Louise (Roeder) Cunningham. Chris was never at a loss for words, he could work a room like no other, he was a wonderful mentor to many, many, people over the years. He loved to travel, he was a true-life foodie, he was a diehard University of Louisville fan, he went on many adventures with his granddaughter Lyra, who lovingly called him "Poppy", he was Uncle Funny to his nieces and nephews. Chris was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, he will be truly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Nancy Cunningham, and Jacob and Frances Roeder, and brother, Dean Allen Cunningham, and bonus father, Bobby Bell, great niece, Haley Hines.

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He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 33 years, Janet (Quinton) Cunningham, his sons, Tyler Cunningham, (Taylor Jackson) and Zackery Cunningham, granddaughter, Lyra Cunningham, father, Archie Cunningham (Mary), mother, Ellie Cunningham, sister, Delise Jankowski (Steve), and brother, Rob Maupin. ..."

Schoppenhorst Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home

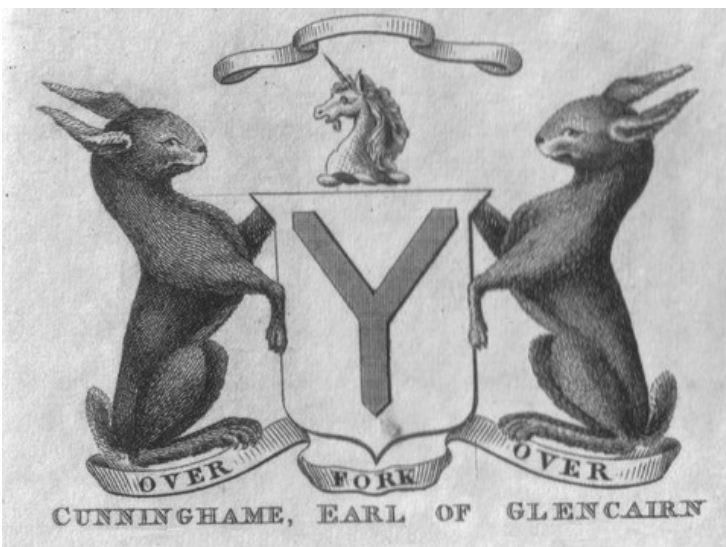


Scottish Coats of Arms

Arch Cunningham's son, Cameron, died recently, and to honor him our coat of arms for this month will be Clan Cunningham.

"The traditional origins of Clan Cunningham are placed in the 12th century. However, the first contemporary record of the clan chiefs is in the thirteenth century. The chiefs of the Clan Cunningham supported **Robert the Bruce** during the **Wars of Scottish Independence**. In the 15th and 16th centuries, the Clan Cunningham feuded with the **Clan Montgomery**. Historically, the chief of Clan Cunningham held the title of **Earl of Glencairn**. However, in modern times the chief of the clan is Cunningham of Corsehill. On 18 December 2013, Sir John Christopher Foggo Montgomery Cunninghame, Baronet of Corsehill, was recognized by **Lord Lyon** as **Clan Chief** after the chiefship had been vacant for over 200 years.

During the **Wars of Scottish Independence** the Cunninghams were supporters of the Bruces in their fight for Scottish independence.^[2] However prior to this their name appears in the **Ragman Rolls**, swearing fealty to **Edward I of England** in 1296.^[2] Bruce being generous to his supporters and after his victory, the lands of Lamburgton were added to that of Kilmaurs in 1319 by royal charter.^[2] Sir William Cunningham of Kilmaurs was amongst the Scottish noblemen offered as a hostage to **David II of Scotland's** English captors in 1354.^[2] Sir William's eldest son, also named William, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Denniston of that ilk and acquired through her substantial lands including **Glen Cairn** and Finlayston in **Renfrewshire**.^[2] " *Wikipedia*



The coat of arms on the left is for Cunninghame, Earl of Glencairn. Coat of arms are made for individuals, not the entire family or clan. This one shows the Clan name under the compartment, the clan motto "Over Fork Over" in the compartment, the "fork" on the shield, a rabbit on either side of the shield, with a silver unicorn above the shield with a gold horn. Other pictures of coat of arms for Cunninghams had horses or a combination of a horse and a unicorn on either side of the shield. *Scotclan*

Rabbits signify a peace loving individual, and horses symbolize readiness for duty. The unicorn stands for Scotland. Several references stated that the motto probably means "Master of the King's horses".

THE SSL IS IN DIRE NEED OF BOARD MEMBERS!

***THERE ARE NOW 3 OPENINGS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
MEMBERSHIP, HOSPITALITY, & COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSIONERS. IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE AS AN ORGANIZATION,
WE MUST FILL THESE VACANCIES.***

***Please contact anyone on the Board for information;
see contact information on this page.***

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July 25, 2023 SSL Member Meeting Minutes

President Holland introduced our speaker for tonight, member Lorna Bolton. Her program concerns Scottish Superstitions.

The habit of flinging salt over your shoulder when it is spilled is to ward off evil spirits, and came from Judas Iscariot supposedly spilling salt at the Last Supper.

Pope Gregory named black cats as evil creatures, with the protection for seeing a black cat being to spit three times and walk into the wind.

In Celtic lore, seeing a white horse was associated with deities and bridging the gap between the living and the dead. This took spitting six times for protection.

A bird flying into a house, staring in the window or door, or pecking at the window was a harbinger of death. The birds were thought to be banshees in disguise.

If a miner died, his boots were put on the table, hence it was bad luck to put any shoes on the table.

After a death, mirrors were covered and all windows and doors were opened so the spirit was able to move on to the next life.

To help deter a witch, a Rowan tree (mountain ash) was planted by the door. To ward off witches while traveling, a cross was carried made from Rowan twigs and tied with red thread.

A Rowan branch could be used to drag someone safely from a fairy circle. It was believed that a human could not escape a fairy circle without help unless a fairy let them leave.

To shed light on darkness and scare off spirits, a turnip was carved (like a pumpkin) and a candle stub was put inside for light. People dressed in disguise so that spirits wouldn't recognize them. Sound familiar?

Apples signified fertility and rebirth, and this is where the practice of bobbing for apples started.

Common superstitions included witches, beasties, and boggles and were associated with death.

It was believed that a girl "fair of face" who wished to marry could get up at the crack of dawn on May 1st and wash her face with dew and would surely get married.

A Hen Party included friends of the bride dressing up and putting all sorts of baby supplies in the "chantie" (house). They would parade the bride around to earn pennies for the hoped-for baby with kisses.

In Celtic legend, white heather brought good fortune.

At a wedding, a silver six pence was placed in the bride's left shoe for luck, and the father of the bride flung coins for the children for good luck in the marriage.

By royal decree, it was considered to bring luck to the bridal couple if a chimney sweep came to the wedding, shook the groom's hand and gave the wife a peck on the cheek.



A common superstition was that if you gave a silver penny to a baby and they dropped it, the baby would be a spendthrift and will have to be watched with money. If the baby hung onto the penny, they would be thrifty with their money.

The custom of kissing under mistletoe started as a desire for fertility in a marriage.

Holly wreaths and garlands were used to dispel evil spirits and to keep them from entering a home. Even a sprig of holly was thought to dispel evil.

A silver six pence found in a dumpling was considered to be good luck for the new year.

Hogmanay was a time to thoroughly clean a house in order to have no burdens to carry over into the new year.

Agreements between two people were sealed with a handshake under a holly tree, as holly was believed to induce truthfulness and dispel evil thoughts.

To celebrate the new year, the custom was to take alcohol to share with friends, neighbors, and family while visiting to wish them well in the new year. Whoever comes to your home will be offered food and drink as well. When those who have been visiting around the neighborhood return, the household eats a hearty breakfast together.

Lorna was thanked for her presentation on Scottish superstitions, and the membership took a break for refreshments and socializing..

President Holland called for reports.

During the business meeting, Vice President Gary Schwietzer discussed the October auction. We need to donate items of good quality, and remember to bring peanut butter for the SSL donation to the Highlands Community Ministry outreach program.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling reminded us that World Fest will be Saturday 9/2 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. We needs more volunteers to walk in the parade and man the table.

The Columbus Highland Games will be two days, Saturday and Sunday, 9/9 and 9/10 in Columbus, IN. We needs several volunteers to help set up and/or take down our popup tent, tables and books, and to man the tables during the event.

The Eminence Highland Games will be Saturday and Sunday, 9/16 and 9/17 at the Eminence, KY Renaissance Fair site. He still needs volunteers there.

Southern Indiana Renaissance Fair in Charlestown, IN 10/14 and 10/15, 10:00am to 7:00pm. Need volunteers here, too.

If you are able to volunteer some time to help out at these events, please contact Jack or Angie Bowling at 502-447-0046 or jackandang13@gmail.com. These events are always fun, and give our volunteers a chance to spend time with other members and meet new people who are interested in learning about their Celtic heritage.

Regional Celtic Report by Jack Bowling

Greetings SSL's -

The festival season is upon us, and SSL is planning on participating in a few of them. That means we need some help from you, our membership. Participation is as easy as manning a booth, or helping to set up or take down our booth. By attending and helping out you can participate in the event, have a covered seat under our tent, chat with other SSL members and folks stopping by to learn more about their Scottish heritage, and of course, people watch.

So, please sign-up and join us at the following events by contacting Jack or Angie Bowling at 502-447-0046 or via email at jackandangb13@gmail.com.

World Fest - Louisville, KY

Saturday 9-2-2023, 11:00am-5:00pm - we need volunteers for the afternoon

Columbus Scottish Games - Columbus, IN

Saturday & Sunday 9-9 & 9-10
we need help all day both days

Central KY Highland Games - Eminence, KY

Saturday & Sunday 9-16 & 9-17
we need help all day both days, especially close down on Sunday

Southern IN Renaissance Faire - Charlestown, IN

Saturday & Sunday 10-14 & 10-15
we need help all day both days, especially close down on Sunday

Thanks in advance for supporting SSL and we look forward to seeing you at these events!

Sláinte Mhath,
Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling



2022 Columbus Scottish Games
Piper in training!



2022 Columbus Scottish Games
Fort Wayne Scottish Pipes and
Drums in parade

EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

***If you can help set up the SSL popup, and/or tables and chairs,
or man the tables to help visitors find information in our books
for a couple of hours it would be of great help.
These events are always fun, and you get to meet a lot of
new people!***

Contact Jack or Angie Bowling for details at 502-447-0046 or via email
at jackandangb13@gmail.com

SSL Programs 2023

Updated programs

August 22 – Mindy McIntosh

September 26 – Pat Schweitzer – Celtic Nations Explained

October 24– Dinner/Auction - Strathmoor Presbyterian Church,
2201 Hawthorne Ave., Louisville, KY 40205

November 28 – holiday meeting, with treats and Christmasy activities

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

Scottish Society member

North American resident

Other Local Events of Interest

Keltricity performances:

- August 17th @ 7pm – Yew Dell Botanical Gardens – Crestwood, KY
- September 4th @ 4pm – World Fest 2023 – Louisville, KY
- September 8th @ 12pm – Lanesville Heritage Weekend – Lanesville, IN
- September 9th @ 2pm – Big Four Art Festival – Louisville, KY



Guilderoy Byrne performances:

Sunday, September 3rd 4:00-5:00pm EST WorldFest 2023

Monday September 4th 5:00-8:00pm EST St. Benedict Labor Day Neighborhood Picnic @ St. Benedict Catholic Church 1249 Matha Ave. Louisville, KY 40215. Call: 502-368-1975.

Friday September 15th 6:00-9:00pm EST Halfway to St. Paddy's Day Party@ The Raven Irish Pub 3900 Shelbyville Road Louisville (St. Matthews). KY 40207 For reservations call: 502-883- 0400.

Saturday September 23rd 1:00-2:00pm CT/2:00- 3:00pm EST Holt House Community Day 2023@ Joseph Holt House Historic Home Stephensport, KY 40170 (Breckinridge County)

Saturday September 23rd 6:00-8:00pm CT/7:00- 9:00pm EST Wine Over Water Concert(WOW)@ The Blue Heron Winery 5330 Blue Heron Lane Cannelton, IN 47520. For information call: 812-547-7518

If you are wondering why most of these do not show up on the calendars, it is because only events at which the SSL has a manned booth or table are included on the calendars. Other events may be of interest to our members, and are included here.



The Raven Celtic Summer Concert

With Guilderoy Byrne, Dan Boone & Ann Wallace, and the McLanahan Irish Dancers

SSL members who were able to attend include Steve & Robbin Goodin, Gary & Pat Schweitzer, Jack & Angie Bowling, and Bruce & Linda Wilson, top photo.

Lorna & Richard Bolton are in the bottom photo.

Greg and Marye Mathews were also in attendance, but there was no good picture of them.

Thanks to Angie Bowling for taking the photos.



August 2023



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27	28	29 Scotch-casting CAN-CELLED	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



September 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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10 Columbus, IN Scottish Games	11	12 SSL Board Meeting 	13	14	15	16 Eminence, KY Scottish Games
17 Eminence, KY Scottish Games	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 SSL Member Meeting 	27	28	29	30

September Birthdays: Lorna Bolton 1st, Bruce Wilson 2nd, Judy Stubbs 5th,
Jarrete Kinder 10th, Stephanie Kinder 10th, Donald Yovich 10th, Stephen Kirzinger 13th,
Linda Frederick 19th, Carolyn Cook 23rd

