



Emma Velasco, President

## A Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Members –

Hooray, Hooray for the month of May! We're all looking forward to warmer weather, sunshine and green leaves ... and of course, the end of construction at our beloved Kilgour Scottish Centre!

Here is the construction update:

- Walls are being finished
- Ceiling painting is underway
- Drapes, wall covering, bathroom tile and carpet have all been ordered
- Still need to decide on lights for hall and bathrooms
- Payments from the insurance company have been timely and for the amounts expected.

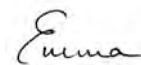
I believe that we are on target to open for our June membership meeting. It's been a long and complicated process so far, but we are making good headway!

Our June meeting will be a new member initiation ceremony, and I want to also make it a celebration of re-claiming our hall. We'll have a nice dinner and be grateful for the beautiful space to share our St. Andrew's Society membership. More details to follow – next month, when we are closer to the completion of construction.

We've been very thankful to be able to meet at the Commonwealth Club. It really is a nice space and Lori has been a wonderful host. Our May 2nd meeting will be there as well – please join us if you can. I really love when our meetings are jam-packed ... we have a lot of fun!

I hope you all are well and happy – enjoy this changing season when we Michiganders get to have outside time again!

Yours Aye –



Emma Velasco, President

**Change of Meeting Location**



**Commonwealth Club**  
30088 Dequindre Road  
Warren, MI

*One more time - May 2nd*

6 pm Social Hour  
7 pm Business Meeting

**Social Hour at 6:00 pm**  
**Business Meeting at 7:00 pm**

**The Commonwealth Club is right next to Kenny's liquor store. Please use back lot or go next door to Bilco's for parking.**

**Do NOT park in the liquor store parking lot.**

## St. Andrew's Society Calendar May - Jul 2022

May 2022					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
5/2	Membership Meeting at the Commonwealth Club	N/A	Children's Hospital Shower of Love	None	MacFarlanes Company
5/9	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
5/10	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
5/15	Scottish Sunday Dinner, Sullivan's Public House in Oxford MI, 3:00 pm (RSVP required)				
5/17	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
5/21	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 12:30pm (Zoom Meeting)				
5/23	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
5/28 & 29	Alma Highland Festival and Games				
June 2022					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
6/4	NEW Member Breakfast -9:00 am at the Kilgour				
6/6	Membership Mtg & New Mbr Initiation AT THE KILGOUR! (Livestream)	Welcome Back Dinner at the Kilgour	Easter Seals Dreams Unlimited Clubhouse	Haven	Kincaid Scholarship
6/13	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 pm (Library Committee Zoom Meeting)				
6/14	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
6/18	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 12:30pm (Zoom Meeting)				
6/21	House Committee Mtg. 5:00 pm (Zoom) Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm (Zoom)				
July 2022					
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
No membership meeting No Executive Committee meeting No Trustees meeting No House Committee meeting					
7/14	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				
7/16	Library Committee Business Meeting 9:30am - 12:30pm				
7/28	Open Library Hours 10:30- 3:30 pm				



Lynette McLeod  
Benevolence Chair


## ***Our Benevolences***

### **CHARITY**

## *Shower of Love*

*A charity event to help needy families and their little ones.  
This shower will benefit the Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital  
of Michigan.*

**Click Here**

To go directly to our  
Donate page 

The "Shower of Love" is for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Clothes Closet which collects donations of **new** clothing and items for children and families being cared for at the hospital.

Please read Cathy Hasse's article about the **Shower of Love** elsewhere in the Fling.

### **ITEMS (NEW) NEEDED FOR THE CLOTHES CLOSET**

*Because of limited storage, gift certificates are much appreciated.*

*The Clothes Closet has a great need for clothing for children up to Size 8. No gift-wrapping or hangers please.*

- Gift Certificate Kohls, Meijer,
- Target Booties/Socks
- One-piece Sleeper pajamas
- Undershirts/Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Baby Bottle
- Pants/Slacks/Jean
- Slippers
- Sweatpants
- Underwear
- Infant Outfits
- Sweater and Hat
- Sets Nightgowns
- Bath Towels/Washcloths
- Afghan Blankets
- Children's Outfits
- T-Shirts
- Sweatshirt Tops
- Socks
- Hat/Gloves/Mittens

Please bring your donations to the May Membership Meeting at the Commonwealth Club on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may make a financial donation via PayPal on the Detroit Scots website-Donations, or write a check to the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit with **Shower of Love** in the Memo Line. Please bring checks to the meeting or mail them to Kilgour Scottish Centre, 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083.

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## BENEVOLENCE

### MACFARLANES COMPANY

A \$2,000 donation will be made by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit to MacFarlanes Company to assist with its upcoming travel and outreach in Scotland and Canada. At the May Membership meeting, Elliot MacFarlane will tell us about an exciting event planned in Canada this year.

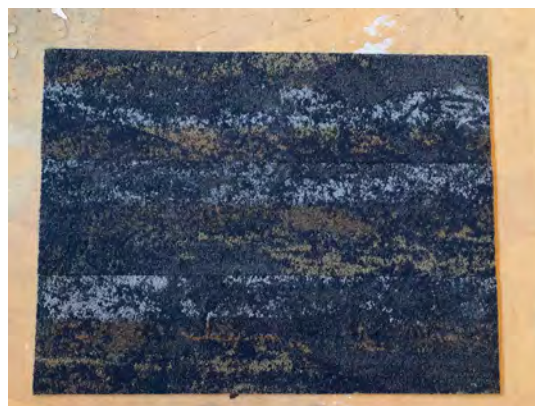
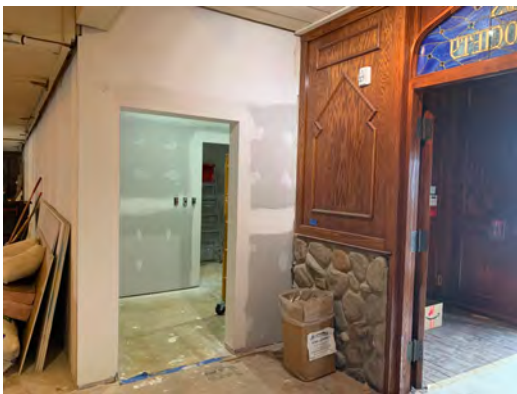
MacFarlanes Company, organized by SASD member and Bard, Elliott MacFarlane, is a volunteer organization that uses Living History presentations to teach people, primarily about the rich history and culture of Scotland and the Scottish diaspora in North America. By their efforts, MacFarlanes Company raises funds to support the outstanding stewardship and preservation work done by The National Trust for Scotland. The Company and the NTS work together to encourage an understanding and appreciation of Scotland's unique heritage on both sides of the Atlantic. MacFarlanes Company works under the auspices of The National Trust for Scotland, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, Scottish Heritage USA, and the Clan MacFarlane Society International.

<http://www.macfarlanescompany.org/>

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought donations for Forgotten Harvest to the April Membership Meeting. The Detroit Scots donated 260 pounds of food to Forgotten Harvest. Thank you also to Tim Reade who took the donations to the Oakland Hope food pantry in Pontiac. In addition, a \$250 donation is being made to Forgotten Harvest from Member financial and matching contributions.

## **Pics of Kilgour Restoration**





# The History of the Shower of Love

By Cathy Hasse,  
founding member of Shower of Love

Twenty-two years ago, three ladies that I have been friends with since first grade and I decided to give a 'Baby Shower' for needy children. We searched around to see what would be the best way to do this onetime event. We chose to associate with the [Clothes Closet of Children's Hospital of Michigan](#) for many reasons. Every indigent baby who is discharged from the hospital is given a complete layette to help them get started and older children are given new clothes to take home. Many of these children have been abused and are going to foster care or shelters. Many are victims of fire.

We started planning our event, **The Shower of Love**. The first year we had about 50 friends and family members there to support our project. We asked each guest to bring an unwrapped item for the babies we were helping. Many came that first year with more than one item from a list of suggested items that we sent them. As the guests left that evening, they all said, "see you next year"... so our onetime event was now going to have a 22nd Annual! The volunteer staff at the Clothes Closet were delighted.

At the fourth Annual Shower of Love, I invited a few fellow members of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. By this time the attendance at the Shower was about 120. The members of the St. Andrew's Society were so impressed with our shower that they asked if they could 'piggy back' on to the shower and hold a mini Shower of Love at a general membership meeting.

Those members also petitioned the Trustees and the Benevolence Committee to provide matching funds from the Middlemas Matching Fund to any member who made a cash donation. The St. Andrew's Society has held a Mini Shower of Love for the past seventeen years.

The Society will still match any cash or check donation that you give to the Shower of Love. You may now also donate through the PayPal button on the Donate page of the [detroitscots.com](#) website.

Each year at the main Shower of Love, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is recognized and honored. It makes me so proud to be a member of both groups!





**Nancy Waters,  
Cultural Activities  
Chair**

## Cultural Activities

Below is a line-up of recent past, present, and future events open to our membership and friends.

### RECENT EVENTS

SASD members celebrated Scottish Night with the Irish at 6 pm on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in Redford, and a rousing time was had by all. The evening included dinner, consisting of fish, chicken, and sausage rolls, plus all the fixins, as well as a giant pan of shortbread. We were entertained by pipers and Scottish dancers, Irish dancers, and Kevin Murphy with his seven piece musical group including our own beloved Tara. The music was at times lively and at others, hauntingly beautiful. About 20 SASD members attended, and we hope next year even more will come. It was a lovely evening provided by our gracious hosts, the Hibernians. It was a lovely evening provided by our gracious hosts, the Hibernians under the direction of our very own Claudia and Cliff Scott.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - NOTE LOCATIONS

- Monday, May 2 - Membership Meeting - LOCATION - Commonwealth Club - 30088 Dequindre Rd, Warren, MI 48092. Menu: Cupcakes, salty bar mix, something gluten-free, and cash bar. Please come, everyone!
- Sunday, May 15, 3:00 pm at Sullivan's Public House in Oxford** - Join all your best SASD friends at our first **Scottish Sunday Dinner** at Sullivan's Public House! **Address:** 23 N Washington St, Oxford, MI 48371 23 N Washington St, Oxford, MI 48371 - Cathy Hasse and Kent Richardson hosting.  
**RSVP** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FADAB29A4FEC61-sasd>
- Saturday, June 4, 9 am - New Member Breakfast - **LOCATION** - The Kilgour!
- Monday, June 6, Social Hour 6:00 pm - Membership Meeting 7:00 pm - New Member Initiations plus dinner - **LOCATION** - The Kilgour!

### POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS

- Scottish Sunday Dinners** - Our Scottish Sunday Dinners begin May 15! In the past, we have held them about once per month all over the Detroit area, hosted by any member who has a special place he or she would like us to try. The host for the evening makes arrangements ahead of time with the restaurant, checking to see if they have a private room available, and that they allow separate checks as some of us drink (hic!) and others do not. Then I put a notice in the Fling with the particulars and anyone interested RSVPs via SignUp Genius, responding with the number of people they are bringing. Restaurant capacity will change depending on the place, so registration will be limited by capacity. You get to pick the restaurant, which Sunday, and what time. Just let me know when, where, and how many can be accommodated and I will take care of the invitations. Reservations will be first come, first served. We already have volunteers for May 15...thank you Cathy and Kent...would anyone like to sign up for June or July? Contact me, [nwaters@detroitscots.com](mailto:nwaters@detroitscots.com), if you would like to host one of these events.
- St. Andrews Golf League** - Coming in the Spring of 2023? Let Judy Scott know if you are interested in helping put together our very own St. Andrew's golf league. Email: [jabstat@aol.com](mailto:jabstat@aol.com) with your interest.
- Scots Night at Tiger Stadium** - Irin Douglas hosting in August

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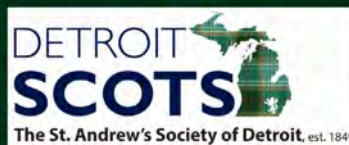
## Cultural Activities

- **NEW! Visit with Scottish author, Donald S. Murray** - October, 2022 - Open to Low Library Book Club members and friends. Donald is coming to the Detroit area to conduct research for his new book, which will be partly based on Scottish involvement in the auto industry. While he is here he would like to visit with us about his book '**As the Women Lay Dreaming**', about the Iolaire tragedy. The book, published in 2019 in the U.K., will be released in the U.S. and Canada this Spring. This event is sponsored by the Low Library Committee.
- **High Tea at the Kilgour** - Sunday, October 23, 2022 - 1:00 to 3:30 pm - Pam Thomson hosts - This is a fundraiser for The Highland Games to replace worn out equipment.
- **Hogmanay** - Folks have expressed an interest in a Hogmanay celebration on New Year's Eve, and Brian Maddaford agreed to head up this committee. We are thinking we might have dinner and a band but plans are in the early stages. If you would like to work with Brian and me on this project, call Brian at 734-679-3456. The evening could end early (on Scottish time), or, with the encouragement of the band, may last to the wee hours, whatever floats your boat.

That's all for now folks...stay tuned! –

Nancy Waters  
Cultural Activities Director

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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit,

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit wishes to show support for Ukraine and to help alleviate the suffering caused by this humanitarian crisis. Your support will allow us to provide lifesaving aid to those in need — both in Ukraine and in neighboring countries.

We are asking you for financial support for the Detroit Scots Ukrainian Relief project to provide support for Ukraine.

The goal is to provide at least \$4,000 in support to the **American Red Cross for Ukraine Relief**. A description of the work being done by the **American Red Cross for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** and the **Ukrainian Red Cross** is described below. Other suggestions made by Members for personal contributions you may wish to make on your own, that you can send directly to other charities, are listed at the end of this letter.

We are asking you, Members and Friends, to donate whatever you can for support to Ukraine.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will match 100% of donations up to a total of \$2,000.

#### How to Make Donations

- **PAYPAL - DONATE** on the Detroit Scots website, or
- **CHECK-** Send a check made payable to St. Andrew's Society of Detroit with **RED CROSS** in the Memo Line:

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit  
Kilgour Scottish Centre  
2363 Rochester Road  
Troy, MI 48083







As fighting in Ukraine continues, the American Red Cross has contributed \$12 million dollars to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to help alleviate the suffering caused by this devastating crisis, as well as to the Danish Red Cross to provide emergency supplies to people displaced within Ukraine. This support allows the Red Cross network to provide lifesaving aid to those in need — both in the country and in neighboring areas.

### **Role of the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross has donated \$12 million dollars to the IFRC in support the vital work being done in Ukraine and in surrounding countries. These funds support the most vital humanitarian needs including food, shelter, critical care items and first aid.

The American Red Cross has also deployed international crisis responders to Poland, Moldova, Hungary and Romania and other countries to provide humanitarian relief in support of the international Red Cross operation helping families who fled their homes. These highly trained crisis responders . . . are supporting on-the-ground relief efforts alongside local teams, including the Polish Red Cross, Moldovan Red Cross and Romanian Red Cross.

. . . Francesco Rocca, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC): “Responding to a crisis of this magnitude takes teamwork, which is why we’re working hand-in-hand with the Ukrainian Red Cross on the ground to let people know that they’re not alone. Not ever . .

### **In Ukraine: Aid Amidst the Violence**

. . . Around the clock, teams are providing emergency aid amid fear and uncertainty. Since the conflict intensified on February 24, 2022 Red Cross teams have:

- Distributed more than 1,000 tons of emergency aid, including **food, bedding, tents, water and hygiene items** to more than 300,000 people across Ukraine.
- **Supported the evacuation** of over 58,000 people from the towns of Energodar and Sumy and the Kviy, Kharkiv and Kherson regions.
- Provided **first aid training**, to more than 42,000 people across the country.
- Assisted with the evacuation of **people with disabilities**.
- Supported **logistics pipelines** into Ukraine to ensure critical items can be delivered.
- In Neighboring Countries: ...In Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Belarus, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Lithuania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Red Cross volunteers are supporting displaced people. Trucks and planes loaded with goods are arriving regularly to provide critical items for those in need . . .

### **Upcoming Need**

In the coming weeks, Red Cross volunteers will increase their work **reuniting separated families**, providing **food** and other **household items**, and increasing awareness about areas contaminated by **unexploded ordnance**. The current needs are tremendous, critical among them include **water delivery**, support to **health** facilities and **medical** care for families wounded.

### **More about the American Red Cross**

*The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).*

## Local Support for Refugee Resettlement

In the future, the Society intends to explore opportunities to support refugee resettlement groups in Michigan.

### Suggestions for Personal Contributions for Ukrainian Relief

Apart from contributions you make to Detroit Scots Ukrainian Relief, you may wish to make personal contributions on your own to any number of organizations assisting Ukraine. Although not specifically endorsed by the Detroit Scots, we offer suggestions received from Members who have suggested some of their favorite charities to which they are making personal contributions:

- **Doctors without Borders:** Every day, Doctors Without Borders teams deliver emergency medical aid to people in crisis, with humanitarian projects in more than 70 countries.  
<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>
- **Samaritan's Purse:** Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>
- **Ukrainian Cultural Center:** The Center has posted an Announcement on its website (<https://www.uccwarren.com/>) Financial Donations for The Ukrainian-American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan, which suggests donating funds for humanitarian aid to three different 501(c)(3) charities:
  - *the Razom Emergency Fund* ([razomforukraine.org/razom-emergency-response](http://razomforukraine.org/razom-emergency-response)).
  - *Ukrainian Congress Committee of America* ([ucca.org](http://ucca.org)).
  - *United Ukrainian American Relief Committee* (<https://www.uuarc.org/>).
  - [helpsaveukraine.com](http://helpsaveukraine.com)/ lists different organizations to support.
- **UNICEF:** is working around the clock to scale up life-saving programs for children. This includes:
  - *Ramping up efforts to meet critical and escalating needs for safe water, health care, education and protection.* <https://www.unicef.org/>
  - *Delivering family hygiene kits, baby diapers, maternal health kits, institutional hygiene kits, disinfectants and bottled water to health and social institutions in eastern Ukraine.*
  - *Increasing the number of mobile child protection teams working between conflict lines.*
  - *Working with UNHCR and partners to activate **Blue Dot hubs**– one-stop safe spaces for children and women. Blue Dots provide key information to traveling families, help to identify unaccompanied and separated children and ensure their protection*
- **World Central Kitchen:** WCK is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. <https://wck.org/>

**Thank You,**

**The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit**

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, founded in 1849, is the oldest, non-sectarian benevolent organization in Michigan. We are the Detroit Scots. We are a registered 501(c)(3) charity with a mission to provide assistance to the needy and to maintain and promote our rich Scottish heritage.



**SCOTTISH SUNDAY DINNER**

**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT OUR FIRST  
SCOTTISH SUNDAY DINNER IN 2022!**



**SULLIVAN'S PUBLIC HOUSE**  
23 N. WASHINGTON ST.  
OXFORD, MI 48371  
PH: (248) 572-7344

**SUNDAY, MAY 15TH  
3:00 PM**

**HOSTED BY: CATHY HASSE & KENT RICHARDSON**

**CLICK HERE TO RSVP**





## 173rd Annual Highland Games News

As I write this there is still some snow on the ground and the temperature is struggling to stay above 30, so it is a little difficult to think about being out at Greenmead next August in the intense heat of a Michigan Summer.

However, it is a fact that in just a little over three months the 173rd Annual Highland Games will be happening! AND, as of today the Games we all know and love will be back in full force.

Society members can be proud of the fact that during the past two years we have worked hard to retain our "oldest continuous Games in North America" tagline.

Our wonderful Wee Bairns area will be back open under the chairmanship of Paula Lupi. She has not really rested during the past two years, she was busy planning and thinking of new things for the children who love this area of the Games. Of course, she is bringing back the favorites of the kids, too. Claudia Scott, Merchandise Vendor Chair has a great variety of vendors already signed (and paid) up for our August event. Headquarters Chair Brother John Filkens Brendan has reserved the golf carts and radios necessary for our Headquarters Area. Entertainment Chair, Michael Pillitteri, has his musicians all ready to please the crowds on both Friday and Saturday. There are about twenty more of your fellow members who have been working and planning.

So, what can you do, you ask? Some of what we'd like you to do is just think. Think about who you can sell extra raffle tickets to when Raffle Chairs, Danice Chisholm and Kathy Paul, send out four tickets to you in mid-May. Think about where you want to sign up to volunteer when the website and SignUp Genius goes live on May 1. Think about who you could help sell an ad to for our program. Think about donating a trophy when Trophy Chair, Kelly Hemmerling sends you a form. Think about getting your place of employment or family, or insurance agent, or real estate broker to sponsor a golf cart (\$ 250.00). Think outside the box. Think about how proud you are of our Games and think about how much prouder you will feel if you take a more active role in the oldest and best Highland Games in North America!!

Some of our new members are stepping up and taking a great interest in supporting and helping our Games. Please consider all YOU can do, too.

In this edition of the FLING there is a form for advertising in our Games Program. Or check out the website for other ways you can help. Or pick up the phone and call, text, or email me and ask where you can be of help. Try and attend the next Games meeting(s) May 9 or May 23 on Zoom. You'll be getting a link to the meetings a few days beforehand. The 173rd Annual Highland Games will be the best ever – but only if YOU help.

Slainte!

Cathy Hasse, Games Chair

[Hasshouse2@gmail.com](mailto:Hasshouse2@gmail.com)

248-760-9252

**Volunteer Sign Up  
begins on  
Sunday, May 1st!**





# St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 173<sup>RD</sup> Annual Highland Games

August 5-6, 2022  
Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia, Michigan  
www.highlandgames.com

## SOUVENIR PROGRAM AD ORDER FORM

Please reserve space, as indicated, in the 2022 Souvenir Program and publish the attached camera-ready artwork, which I understand will be received subject to acceptability of size, contrast and completeness.  
**No placement is final without payment.**

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS JUNE 15, 2022. ARTWORK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 31, 2022.**

Check Size Desired	Ad Specifications	Include Bleed Size	Actual (Trim) Ad Size	Rate
	Outside Back Cover (full color glossy)	Yes - full .125"	8.5" x 11"	\$1,100
	Inside Front Cover (full color glossy)	Yes - full .125"	8.5" x 11"	\$1,000
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	Business Card	none	3.5" x 2"	\$50

Artwork will be supplied via email  Yes  No  
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## Low Library Book Club

Ten of us discussed the book *The Royal Stuarts: A history of the Family that Shaped Britain* by **Allan Massie**. It was interesting to see how the abilities of each monarch varied. There was the incompetent James II (who consorted with "inappropriate people") and was rated a failure. The author highly approved of James VI & I however (he calls the king "highly intelligent, a scholar and poet" and "a canny politician"). It gave a nice summary of Scottish history from 1406-1714 with a chapter on the Jacobites. We all enjoyed it and would recommend it to the membership.

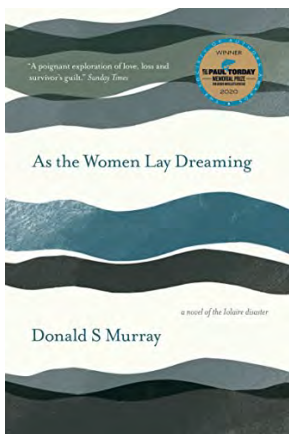
Our next book discussion will be on Monday, June 13 at 5:30pm (EDT). The book will be *As the Women Lay Dreaming* by **Donald S. Murray**. The book will be published in the U.S. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, but there are copies available on Kindle and Nook now and from Amazon (British copies). Mr. Murray will be speaking at the Kilgour in October. Here is a summary of the novel:

In the small hours of January 1st, 1919, the cruelest twist of fate changed at a stroke the lives of an entire community.

Tormod Morrison was there that terrible night. He was on board HMY Iolaire when it smashed into rocks and sank, killing some 200 servicemen on the very last leg of their long journey home from war. For Tormod, a man unlike others, with artistry in his fingertips, the disaster would mark him indelibly.

Two decades later, Alasdair and Rachel are sent to the windswept Isle of Lewis to live with Tormod in his traditional blackhouse home, a world away from the Glasgow of their earliest years. Their grandfather is kind, compassionate, but still deeply affected by the remarkable true story of the Iolaire shipwreck, by the selfless heroism and desperate tragedy he witnessed.

A deeply moving novel about passion constrained, coping with loss, and a changing world, *As the Women Lay Dreaming* explores how a single event can so dramatically impact communities, individuals and, indeed, our very souls.



## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS




- Member Julie Bartoy's father, George L. Reid, passed away on Sunday morning, 3/27. Her dad was born to two Scottish immigrants and his pride in this ran deep.
- From member Kristine Hammond: "I want to thank all of you for the lovely flowers that arrived at my home today. Thank you.
- From member Ann Brown: "The circumstances of the death of my brother, Robert 'Bobby' McDermott, are that he was poisoned by contaminated water while in basic training in Camp Lejeune, NC. The poisoning occurred during the 1950's to the 1980's. The government never contacted anyone to let them know of the poisoned water, so the veterans struggled with terrible health outcomes and had no idea why their health had deteriorated after their service time. There is a Camp Lejeune Water Contamination website that will give veterans, their families and staff that were there for at least 30 days the information they need to pursue any action. If you can let others know, we may be able to help our fellow members." <https://www.freep.com/obituaries/det112368>
- Member Roger Moffat recently had a stroke and is in the Hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts & prayers.
- Member Peg Dunlop is recovering from a broken leg. She too is in need of our healing thoughts.
- Member George Boyd is in need of healing thoughts.
- Past member John McIntosh passed away on April 13, 2022. John was a stalwart supporter of the Highland Games for many years, working on field crew and running beer tents. He was a founding member of the Colour Guard, and a drummer in the St .Andrew's Pipe Band. John proudly served in the Marine Corps. Family will receive friends on Friday, April 22nd 1:00 pm until time of service at 6:00 pm.  
<https://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituaries/John-Donald-McIntosh?obId=24573981>



**Remember to donate to the Flower Fund  
at Meetings and on our Donate page!**

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