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A Letter from the President

It's September and we have a lot to look forward to, but first, "What just happened"? The 174th Annual Highland Games occurred a month ago. (Is it really that long ago?). And it seemed to be a great success. Temps were actually mild for the day and the crowds seemed better than last year. This was the first year I got to really walk around to check everything out as I am usually chained to my clan tent. It was fantastic to see the dancing, the bands, the athletes, and the pipers. Security was on point as I was challenged more than a few times in the counting house and at the Patrons' tent.

It made me extremely proud to see all the volunteers coming together to make this work. A message was sent out last minute saying that we desperately needed more volunteers for the Wee Bairns area, and the volunteers delivered. This event would not be possible without the time and support of our "Scottish Army" of volunteers. Thank you all!

It was great to see volunteers at the games who were not members but planned to join the Society soon, as well as members who have not been to a meeting in a few years but planned to this Fall. It feels like things are moving in the right direction.

Upcoming this Fall we have Scottish Country Dance lessons, Tartan Trivia Nights as well as a "Scot"urday Night Comedy show. Please join us for all the frivolity.

See you at the meetings!

Christopher MacKenzie, President

With all of the rain that we had lately, we are asking our members if they are in the business of roofing, plumbing, electrical, etc. If you know of someone in these businesses, please contact our Hall Manager Kathleene Thomson.

Right now we have a serious need for a **Commercial Roofing Company**.

Email Kathleene Now at kerkenbrack@detroitscots.com

		Sentem	ber 2023			
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence	
9/5	Scottish Country Dancing,	1 0 0 0.		00,00		
9/11	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Business					
		Cake & Gluten Free Dessert	Cash Drive Gleaners	Gleaners	Salvation Army Bed & Breakfast	
9/12	Executive Committee Meeting	g, 6:30 p.m. (Z	oom)			
9/12	Scottish Country Dancing,	Kilgour, 7:00 to	8:30 p.m.			
9/14	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.	m. to 3:30 p.m.				
9/14	Cultural Activities Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)					
9/15	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar			ash Bar		
9/16	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.					
9/18	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)					
9/19	House Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)					
9/19	Scottish Country Dancing, Kilgour, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.					
9/20	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)					
9/26	Scottish Country Dancing, Kilgour, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.					
9/28	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.					
9/30	New Member Breakfast, Kil	gour, 10:00 a.m	n. to Noon			
		Octob	er 2023			
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence	
10/02	Membership Meeting & New Potluck, 7:15 p.m. Business		tion, Kilgour, 6:	00 p.m. Social H	our, 6:30 p.m.	
	Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation	Shepherd's Pie Dinner w/Members' Potluck	Morse Elementary School	Redford Union HS Football Team	Penrickton Center for Blind Children	
10/3	Scottish Country Dancing,	Kilgour, 7:00 to	8:30 p.m.			
10/10	Executive Committee Meeting	g, 6:30 p.m. (<mark>Z</mark>	oom)			
10/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.	m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/12	Cultural Activities Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)					
10/14	Scottish Tea Fundraiser, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m. Tickets on Sale Now!					
10/17	House Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)					
10/18	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)					
10/20	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar			ash Bar		
10/21	Library Committee Business I Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.		11:30 a.m.			
10/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.	m. to 3:30 p.m.				

			November 2023		
Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/6	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Business				
		Cake & Gluten Free Dessert	Marines' Toys for Tots	Vietnam Veterans	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
11/9	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/9	Cultural Activities Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)				
11/13	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/14	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/15	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/17	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
11/18	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/18	Scot-urday Comedy Club, Kilgour, 7:00 p.m.				
11/21	House Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/23	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/30	Happy St. Andrew's Day! Birthdate of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit				
12/2	Decorate the	e Kilgour, Kilgo	ur, 10:00 a.m. to Noon		

Download the Wild Apricot for Members App on your phone!

This App allows you to use the Members tab to look up another member's phone # or email address. Also, you can update your own profile, purchase tickets to upcoming events, or check in at the events you are registered for.

Please remember that it is now our members' responsibility to keep their profile information up to date!

<u>New!</u> Add your photo to your profile! From the Home Screen, *Edit Profile*, scroll down to the *About You* Section, *Choose File* that is your photo.

We are working on the Directory to display your photos.



CLICK HERE TO SEE THE PHOTOS OF OUR AUGUST EVENTS



Our Benevolences

September Charity Gleaners Community Food Bank

The September 11th Membership Meeting is being dedicated to raising money for Gleaners, through 50/50 raffle tickets and charitable monetary donations.

This is a Virtual Food Drive Gleaners appreciates our monetary donations to purchase fresh, healthy, needed items.

Every \$1.00 donation helps.

Gleaners says: Monetary donations help Gleaners source our most needed food items at the most cost-effective prices. For every dollar donated, Gleaners can provide three well-rounded meals to someone in need.

Gleaners says: Your monetary donation provides nutritious food to our network of more than 500 partner agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens, local schools and many others. Every year, Gleaners provides 45 million pounds of food to our community. That's more than 104,500 meals a day!

Gleaners says: What is needed the most is fresh milk, wholesome grains and lean proteins like chicken, tuna, peanut butter. Having enough of these items helps ensure our partners and guests have access to a variety of food to meet their nutritional needs.

September Benevolence The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club

The Society is making a \$1,000 donation to this worthy organization. The Salvation Army is Feeding the Hungry in Detroit - Each day Bed & Bread Club truck drivers make their way through Detroit, traveling multiple routes and making 57 stops to feed the hungry. That includes holidays and days when the weather may prove dangerous; hunger doesn't take any days off. On days so cold that schools and businesses must close and even the postal service can't deliver mail, Salvation Army trucks deliver hundreds of meals to people who otherwise would not eat at all.







Nancy Waters Cultural Activities Chair

Cultural Activity Events

IMPORTANT THANK-YOUS!

- Monday June 5th Membership Meeting & New Member Initiation
 Thank you SASD for providing Shepherd's pie for dinner and thank you to all members who brought in desserts, side dishes, appetizers.
 Thanks also to everyone who helped with cleanup!
- Cèilidh at the Kilgour First, a big thank you to Bob Richardson and Shelby Rohr for handling the registration table. Thanks also to our setup committee: Carol Zagorowska, Alison Coates, Henrietta Grossoehme, and Victoria & Matt Patterson for all your hard work. Many thanks to our entertainment: Tara, Jamrock, the Scottish Country Dancers, Dave Martin, Kate DeGoode's Highland Dancers, and the Irish Dancers for keeping everyone hopping at the Cèilidh! Also, a big thank you to Suzanne and Bruce Sherwood as well as Sue and Dennis Clements for taking care of all the clean up! Finally, a gigantic thank you to Irin and Liz Douglas who stepped in at the last minute to run this event and to Cliff Scott who MCed the event for me. I am forever grateful!
- Tartan Tavern Trivia Night Many thanks to Van and Shelby Rohr for hosting our Tartan Tavern Trivia night on Friday, August 18th. As usual, a fun time was had by all! Van and Shelby made up four sets of great questions on various topics and we had a wonderful turnout! Attendees donated snacks and treats...and winners were treated to chocolate Payday Bars...Yummers!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Monday, September 11th Welcome Back SASD! We will serve cake, a gluten-free dessert, and any appetizers that members would like to bring in. Chips are for sale at the bar.
- Friday, September 15th Tartan Tavern Trivia Night 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. We are still looking for a Host(s) for this event...we also need a Host(s) for October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th, please. Sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius here:
 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteeer#/

OCTOBER EVENTS

- **Monday, October 2nd** Membership Meeting with Initiation of New SASD Members We will serve a shepherd's pie dinner along with potluck appetizers, side dishes, or desserts brought in by SASD member volunteers. Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., and Initiation begins about 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14th Scottish Tea 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Catered by Victoria's Tea Salon. Tickets available here: https://detroitscots.com/tickets/
- Friday, October 20th Tartan Tavern Trivia Night 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Host(s) needed.
 Sign-up to Host here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteeer#/

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Cultural Activity Events (continued)

FUTURE PLANNING

- Friday, November 17th Tartan Tavern Trivia Night Host(s) needed. Sign-up to Host here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteeer#/
- Saturday, November 18th Scot-urday Night Live Comic Show Fundraiser for the Cultural Activities Committee (proceeds to go toward our event costs, particularly towards entertainment).
- Saturday, December 2nd Holiday Decorating Event 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- Saturday, December 9th St. Andrew's Day Dinner Dance with "The Classics Band"
- **December ?** Meet Santa event with Low Library
- Friday, December 15th Tartan Tavern Trivia Night Host(s) needed. Sign-up to Host here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040949a5a72aa2fb6-volunteeer#/

Thanks everyone for being such great Scots! Nancy Waters, Cultural Activities Director

With many hands, there is less work!

Please consider coming early or staying a few minutes late, to help us get our Hall in good order.

In October, March and June, being the New Member Initiations Meetings, we will be serving Shepherd's Pie and ask for volunteers to bring a side dish or dessert to go with the dinner.

Volunteer for Monthly Membership Meetings



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

New Procedure!

You can now contact our officers who need to learn of **Thoughts & Prayer Requests** on our **Membership Home page:** Click the link "Report Thoughts & Prayers Needed" and it allows you to fill out a form for notifying the Second Vice President, who is in charge of determining what the Society should do: send flowers, send cards, or make a donation.



174th Annual Highland Games

We know that what you as members and friends of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit are really interested in is the bottom line – or how we did at the 174th Annual Highland Games financially. We are definitely interested in that, too and anxious to share those numbers and figures with you as soon as we receive all of the invoices and get all of the bills paid. Hopefully, by the October issue of the Fling, you will be reading and digesting that information. We have no control over when the final invoice will be in or when our last check needs to be written.

But another thing we had no control over for these Games was the weather. And we all know that it was perfect!! Many other areas that we did have control over were better than good and we are proud of that. We had so many great volunteers (could have used a few more) that presented themselves well and represented the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in the best fashion.

How wonderful! Listening to the comments of all our guests at the end of the day of the Games made us feel proud to be your leaders. Reading the comments on social media the week(s) following the Games was encouraging.

Our goal, and we speak for all our members and volunteers, was to present the best day (and Cèilidh) that we could. We wanted to show the crowd what Scots stand for and what Scots are proud of. We wanted to show those attending our event that we are proud of our culture, our arts, our traditions, and our heritage. We feel we reached our goal, and we want to thank all the volunteers and members who helped us achieve this.

Truly, this was a group, a large group effort. We had so many new members jump in where they were needed. How exciting!! We had young volunteers (children and grandchildren of members) who loved helping where they could. We had longtime members who volunteered for the first time and asked themselves (and us), "Why didn't we do this before"? We had members who have been volunteers for the past 30 plus years, who were back at it again this year. We had volunteers who changed "jobs" this year for one reason or another and loved their new position. We had many members who took vacation days to work our event. We had a full staff of volunteers working the field from early Monday morning before our Games to five minutes before the Cèilidh started on Friday evening.

Is this great or what? So, a heartfelt Thank You to one and all. We are proud to be your leaders.

Slàinte!! Glen Milligan and Cathy Hasse

SCOTTISH DIGHT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH 6:00-10:00



BILLY DIXON & TERRY MURPHY
KATE DE GOOD HIGHLAND DANCERS

FOOD

BEER TENT

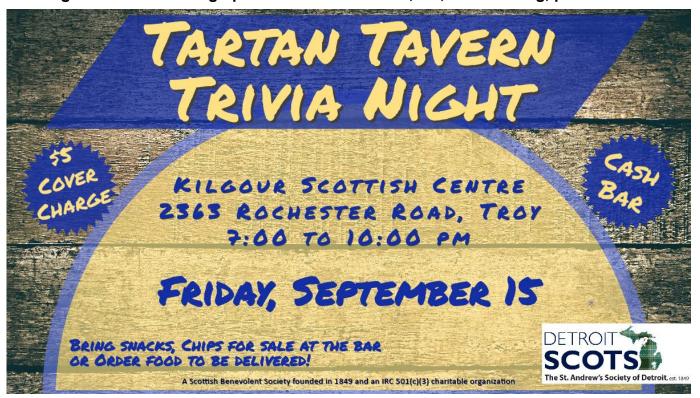


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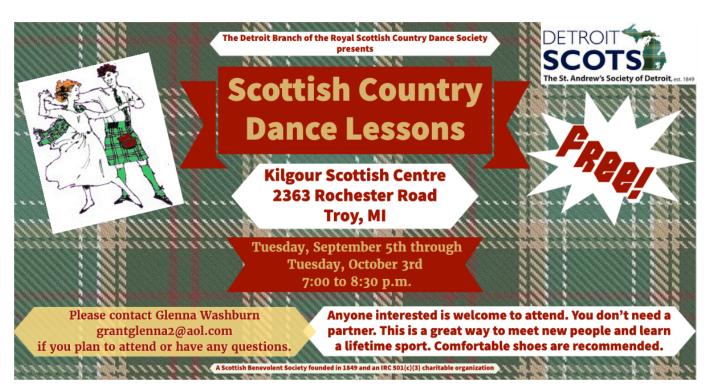


Clicking on an Ad will bring up the associated action, i.e., volunteering, purchase tickets



As of publication time, we are still in need of Hosts for our September 15th Trivia Night.

Volunteer Now!





Review the By-Laws for Elections





Members & their Guests Ticket Price is \$40 Now until 10/7!

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Off The Shelf... News about the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

Just a note from Catherine!

Dennis Clements, the Chair of the Library committee, has asked if I would like to write the Charles Low Library portion of the newsletter. As a new member of the St. Andrew's Society and the Library Committee, I am very excited to take this on. I have some ideas regarding upcoming issues, such as highlighting Scottish Authors, the haunting of Scotland, Scottish fairy tales and much more.

Tapadh Leat, Catherine Goodenow



New Library Committee Members!

The library is pleased to announce the addition of new members to our Library staff, Rachel Holland and Salaina Crumb. We are so excited to welcome them both. If you are interested in volunteering for the library, please contact Dennis Clements.

Scottish Author Highlight

M.C. Beaton

M.C. Beaton was born Marion Gibbons in Glasgow, Scotland on June 10, 1936. Marion began her career by writing historical romances under her maiden name of Marion Gibbons. Marion has also written novels under her other pen names of Ann Fairfax, Jennie Tremaine, Helen Crampton, Charlotte Ward, and Sarah Chester. Her other famous alias was M.C. Beaton, who gained her popularity with the Hamish McBeth and Agatha Raisin mystery series.

One of M.C. Beaton's famous characters is Hamish McBeth, a lazy police officer from the sleepy fictious town of Lochdubh, Scotland, which is set in the county of Sutherland. Hamish loves his quiet life, sheep, hill racing and solving the murder mysteries that seem to follow him everywhere. The Hamish McBeth series was transformed into a TV series for BBC starring Robert Carlyle and was set in the small town of Plockton. Fun fact, did you know that Plockton is known for their palm trees?

You can find M.C. Beaton books in the Charles Low Library.

Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month - 10:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Also, by appointment.

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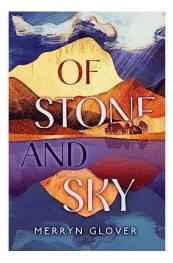


Books for Sale!!

Did you know there are books for sale at the Charles Low Library? Check out the library before our monthly meeting and add to your home library.

Low Library Book Club

For our September meeting, the Low Library Book Club will discuss *Of Stone and Sky* by Merryn Glover.



After Highland shepherd Colvin Munro disappears, a mysterious trail of his possessions is found in the Cairngorm mountains. Writing the eulogy for his memorial years later, his foundling-sister Mo seeks to discover why he vanished. Younger brother Sorley is also haunted by his absence and driven to reveal the forces that led to Colvin's disappearance. Is their brother alive or dead?

Set on a farming estate in the upper reaches of the River Spey, Of Stone and Sky follows several generations of a shepherding family in a paean to the bonds between people, their land and way of life. It is a profound mystery, a passionate poem, a political manifesto, shot through with wisdom and humour. It was a Highland Book Prize nominee in 2021.

The Low Library Book Club's next meeting will be on September 18 at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) via Zoom. All are welcome to join in. Just send an email to Cathy McCullough Les at library@detroitscots.com for the Zoom invitation.



Annual Shortbread Contest at the Highland Games

We had a wonderful time judging the 2023 Shortbread Contest on Saturday, August 5th., this year at the... 174th St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Annual Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park. A very Big Thank you to the Judges Panel: (Pictured)

And here are the Sweet results:
In Third place is: A Tie...Nancy Coates &
Shirley Davidson
In Second place is:
Kenzie Duncan
And Congratulations to our... First Place Winner:
Nicole Clinard!



The 2023 Shortbread Judges' Panel... Madison Sabo, Linda Sugars, Claudia Scott, Kevin Nixon, Kelly Hemmerling, Karen El Wood, and Christy Haradean, Shortbread Chair.



Nicole Clinard receives the First Place Trophy from Christy Haradean.

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Have your Clan join the Wall!









Circle Wood color:

Light











Want your Clan plaque added to our Burns Room display?

Want to showcase your Scottish heritage at home or in your office?

Or perhaps you want to give someone a special gift.

If so, contact Carol Zagorowska at cazago@sbcglobal.net



Clan Crest Plaque Order Form

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Donate to Kilgour & verified Clan not displayed in Burns Room: yes []
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Purchase for personal use:
Circle Size: Standard 7x8 (\$85.00) or Large 10x12 (\$130.00)
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Happy S	eptember B	irthdays
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Note: Our Birthday Wishes are coming from our Membership System for those members who update their profile with their Month of Birth.

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