



The Highland Eling

September 2024



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Is it just me, or do the Highland Games mark the official start of the year? It feels like ages since our regular meetings in early June, and the Games are the perfect kick-off to our monthly gatherings resuming in September.

The Games always attract a fantastic turnout of both long-time members and new volunteers, many of whom become active members later in the year. It's inspiring to see the continuity provided by our experienced volunteers while also welcoming fresh perspectives.

Speaking of changes, take a close look at the Hall this September. Our house committee has been busy with maintenance and decorating projects. We hope you appreciate the updates!

We have a busy Fall ahead, with two exciting events happening simultaneously on October 5th! While the Highland Tea at Greenmead is not our official event, we're happy to contribute by providing kilned servers. And for those kilned individuals who prefer a different kind of beverage, we're hosting a Glenturret Whisky Tasting at the Hall that same evening.

Gentlemen, if you're not attending the tasting and have a kilt, please reach out to Ron Cunningham about volunteering at the Greenmead Highland Tea.

Christopher Robert Fraser MacKenzie
President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit



2024 SASD CALENDAR

September 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
9/2	Labor Day Holiday				
9/7	Scot-urday Comedy Club Night, Kilgour, 7:00 p.m., Tickets on Sale Now				
9/8	The Life & Songs of Robert Burns featuring Tara, Low Library Lecture Series by Bruce Gray, Kilgour, 2:00 p.m. (RSVP requested)				
9/9	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 pm., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Harvest Potluck	Forgotten Harvest	Detroit Rescue Mission	Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club
9/10	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/12	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
9/16	Low Library Book Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/16	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/17	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/20	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
9/21	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
9/21	Benevolence Committee Meeting, Kilgour, 12:30 p.m.				
9/23	175th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/25	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
9/26	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				

October 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
10/5	Glenturret Distillery Whisky Tasting, Kilgour, 6:00 p.m., Tickets Now on Sale				
10/7	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 pm., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting & New Mbr Initiation	Shepherd's Pie, Mac & Cheese, and Salad	Morse Elementary School	Operation Smile	Penrickton Center for Blind Children
10/8	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/10	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/12	175th Anniversary Scottish Tea, Kilgour, 1:00 p.m., Tickets Now on Sale				

2024 SASD CALENDAR

October 2024 (continued)

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
10/14	175th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., (Zoom)				
10/15	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/18	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
10/19	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/21	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/23	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
10/24	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
10/25	Jim & Susie Malcolm Concert, Kilgour, 7 :00 p.m., Tickets Now on Sale				

November 2024

Date	Event	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
11/4	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 pm., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.				
	Membership Meeting	Potluck - appetizers & desserts	Marine Toys for Tots	Fisher House MI	Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs
11/9	Decorate the Kilgour, Kilgour, 9:00 a.m. to Noon				
11/11	175th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/12	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/14	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/15	Tartan Tavern Trivia Night, Kilgour, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Cash Bar				
11/16	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	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/19	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/20	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)				
11/24	Kirkin' of the Tartans, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m.				
11/28	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.				
11/30	St. Andrew's Day 175th Gala, Kilgour				
	Calendar Subject to Change without notice!				



Lynette McLeod
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

OUR CHARITY



All the rescued food and produce is delivered to metro Detroit families who are food-insecure and struggle to cover the cost of basic life necessities. Food helps bridge the income gap for tens of thousands of people, allowing them to secure some basic life necessities for themselves and their family.

At the September 9th Membership Meeting we will be collecting food donations for Forgiven Harvest. The Food Drive Needs:

Non-perishable food items:

- Peanut, almond, and cashew butter (especially reduced-sodium and low-sugar)
- Canned soup, chili, pasta, and stew (especially reduced-sodium)
- Canned vegetables and beans (especially reduced-sodium and water-packed)
- Pasta, barley, and rice
- Pasta sauce or canned tomatoes (especially reduced-sodium and low-sugar)
- Canned fruit (especially 100% fruit or lite-syrup-packed)
- Dried beans, peas, and lentils
- Whole-grain cereal (especially unsweetened and low-sugar)
- Oatmeal and Cream of Wheat
- Nutritious snacks like dried fruits, nuts, trail mix, and granola bars

OUR BENEVOLENCE



The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit's Bed & Bread program serves more nearly 3,500 meals each day to men, women and children who would otherwise go without. That's nearly 1.7 million meals every year. In addition, the Bed & Bread program provides more than 72,000 nights of shelter annually. The Bed & Bread program is unique in that it serves many people via mobile soup kitchens. The Bed & Bread trucks are on the streets of Detroit 365 days a year making designated stops throughout the day. (WJR 2024 Radiothon)

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OUR 50/50 RAFFLE



With the start of the school year, there are families who are unable to buy the necessary supplies for their kids. Our support can help the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries provide supplies like pencils, paper, folders, crayons, notebooks and backpacks. Let's help kids know that we believe in them and their success.

FOR SALE: UNITED STATES ST. ANDREW'S BICENTENNIAL TARTAN SKIRT



Brand new (never been worn) kilt skirt (not full kilt). Skirt: semi reiver. Measurements are: W41", S44", L23" 2-inch pleats. Made in Scotland by Lochcarron. Paid \$650. Will sell for \$400. Please contact Cheryl on 908-670-6225



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[to see our photos of the](#)
[175th Highland Games](#)
[& August Events](#)



Emily Wigodski
Cultural Activities Director

Cultural Activities

*The autumn winds rushing
Waft the leaves that are searest,
But our flower was in flushing,
When blighting was nearest.
Fleet foot on the correi,
Sage counsel in cumber,
Red hand in the foray,
How sound is thy slumber!
Like the dew on the mountain,
Like the foam on the river,
Like the bubble on the fountain,
Thou art gone, and for ever!"*
— Sir Walter Scott

Our Cultural Activities Committee welcomes our members back with a jam-packed Fall schedule!

There's the Comedy Club night, a Membership Meeting with a harvest potluck, and the return of Tartan Trivia in September, as well as a Whisky Tasting, Scottish Tea, and a concert in October!

See below for a list of major events:

- 9/7 Scot-urday Night Comedy Club Fundraiser
- 9/8 The Life & Songs of Robert Burns featuring Tara
- 9/9 General Membership Meeting & Harvest Potluck
- 9/20 Tartan Tavern Trivia returns!
- 10/5 Scottish Whisky Tasting Event
- 10/12 175th Anniversary Scottish Tea
- 10/25 Jim & Susie Malcolm Concert
- 11/30 St. Andrew's Day 175th Anniversary Gala
- 1/25/25 Burns Night Supper

More events are being added to our calendar all the time. Make sure to visit our events page to stay up to date on all our upcoming events!

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Check out our SignUp Genius page to choose how you want to be involved.

(All of our SignUps are now on one page! Click on the Tabs to see the individual SignUps)

[SASD Sign-ups to Volunteer](#)

Do you want to get involved in the Cultural Activities Committee? We are always welcoming new members! Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, typically on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Please contact me if you want to be added to the committee.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Got an idea for an event you'd like to see? Want to host an activity? Want to get involved and don't know where to start? Please email your ideas to ewigodski@detroitscots.com.



175th Annual Highland Games

The 175th Annual Highland Games are history! And, what a great event the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit hosted. It was amazing from start to finish.

Although the Games did not start officially until the kickoff of the Cèilidh on Friday night, our spectacular Field Crew led by David Tait started at 7:30 a.m. on the previous Monday. These folks (men and women) worked six to eight hours a day all week long, preparing the field and getting everything in place for the weekend.

On Wednesday evening at the All-Volunteer Meeting, our Food Chairs, Linda Sugars and Joanne Hoekstra, once again outdid themselves by fixing and presenting an impressive variety of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. They were helped by Christy Haradean in setting and cleaning up. Linda also brought her granddaughters to assist.

On Friday night at the Cèilidh after we welcomed the crowd, our former President and Master of Ceremonies for the night, Joe Marzka, announced to the surprise and pleasure of the audience some of the members of the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band. This was a first for this Band at the Cèilidh. Having everyone's attention, there was then an unveiling of an amazing, eight-foot steel fire structure designed and made by our member Irin Douglas to commemorate the 175th Year of the Games. What a sight and sound. The Chairs of the Cèilidh were Irin and Liz Douglas. It was unanimous that they definitely know how to throw a party!

The Cèilidh was well attended, and the choice of music groups seemed to please all. The addition of the Whisky Bar was a big hit. The co-chairs of the Whisky Tent, Pam Thomson, Bob Yoder and their crews, were busy all night selling many adult beverages. Across the grass at the Cèilidh, Beer Chair, John Morrison and his sisters, Doreen and Cathy, and their large crew of pourers were kept equally busy.

The Friday night sold out Whisky Tasting was something that will be talked about for years to come. Those who attended at the price of \$175 attested to the fact that it was well worth every penny. Society member and Chair of our Trustees donated all of the Whisky for this event as well as being the ambassador for the evening. Thank you, Elliot MacFarlane for an outstanding presentation.

Saturday morning, Games Day started out with little or no problems.

The Counting House crew, Cori Hall and her sister Sue Tower, were busy at work by 6:30 a.m. and raring to go after having left the night before close to midnight. Talk about dedication!! Sue's husband, Mike, and their son, Liam, were also on hand to help out. Member Steve Kerr worked all day in the Counting House. This was his thirty-plus year of doing this job.

Member Sue Williams took us at our word of saying we would find a job for anyone! This energetic ninety-year-old-plus lady stayed on the porch of the Counting House making sure that only those previously approved would be allowed in. She needed a position in the shade and sitting, and we found it. It was a great match.

Our new Catering company Lafayette Grande in the Patron's Tent was a hit. They had a tough act to follow but did a great job.

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The two whisky tastings on Saturday were also big hits. Again, they were sold-out events and hosted by Elliot.

Our vendors were happy and appeared to do well. Main field was busy and once again, the Tug-O-War, under the direction of member, Ron Cunningham, was a real crowd pleaser. Our "Referee for Life" member Matt Patterson not only looked great in his spiffy black and white kilt, but also pleased the crowd and the tug teams.

Our guests loved the three main areas of the Games: Highland Dancing, Heavy Athletics, and, of course, the sights and sounds of the Bagpipe competition. All three of these areas were busy all day long. Special thanks to the Chairs of these events, Jennifer Miller, Kurt Pauli, and our own special Pipe Major, David Martin.

The day ended on a great note with the Closing Ceremonies. The winners of the Raffle were extremely pleased. The winning Pipe Band of the Day, Caber Feidh, led the other bands off of the field heading to the Entertainment Tent for a celebratory beverage.

Financials for the Games will be forthcoming as we are still paying invoices and still collecting some money. Trust us, we would like to wrap this all up as much as you would.

Speaking of collecting money – if you are one of the 40-plus percent who did not buy your Raffle tickets, it is still not too late. Just send us the money, and we will be more than happy to get it.

Thank you for trusting us to be your Chairs for the 175th Annual Highland Games.

Cathy Hasse and Glen Milligan
2024 Highland Games

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**1 MONTH FREE LESSONS
FOR RELATIVES OF SASD
MEMBERS**

*New classes offered in
Troy, MI!*

Classes start Sept. 3rd

Highland Dance



All the details

<p>Location</p>	<p>CLASSES OFFERED AT KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE ADDITIONAL CLASSES IN BIRMINGHAM, TROY AND ONLINE</p>
<p>Class Options (Troy only)</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS 6-6:30PM PRIMARY AND BEGINNER (AGE 5- 8 NEW AND RETURNING DANCERS) 6:30-7:15PM BEGINNER AGES 9-16 (AGE 9-16 NEW AND RETURNING DANCERS)</p>
<p>Why Highland?</p>	<p>PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES CELEBRATES SCOTTISH CULTURE PROMOTES ACTIVE LIFESTYLE CREATE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS LEARN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND WORK ETHIC</p>

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176th Annual Highland Games

To the 176th, and Beyond!

My beloved St. Andrew's family: As your new Games Chair, I come to you with my heart on full display. I am humbled to serve you. I am also fueled with joy and an unwavering commitment to embrace our long legacy and march, run, dance and crawl, if I have to, to the 200th Highland Games.

I recognize that our success is built on the tenacity and grit of the collective team of committee chairs and volunteers.

Friends, we are at an unique time in our legacy. If you look at the combined number of years many chairs have served, we are well beyond 100 years.

It's now time for a number of them, to retire and pass the baton to you. I have so much gratitude and love for each of them and I respect their decisions.

With this comes a great opportunity for our passionate members to embrace long-respected and vital roles. Here is a list of our open roles and a little about them.

Field Captain - the captain of an incredible crew. Keep people on track and understand the step-by-step process to set up Greenmead for the Games.

Food Vendor - works with existing and recruits new food trucks and food vendors. Finalize placement. Secure power and other needed resources. Coordinate with vendors and Games team.

Opening Ceremony Stage Manager - Get ceremony participants in order and provide directions to those who need it. Send each group out in order. Coordinate with the Clans Liaison and Emcee as needed.

Social Media Team - this is a new role for a team of three to create a strategy for broadcasting live on Games day and executing the final plan. Must be proficient in the use of mobile devices and live streaming.

Tents - Coordinate tent sign-ups and live set-up. Review documentation from the previous chair and plan to be present during key days when tents are being placed

Genealogy - if this is a process (or a quest) that you love, consider stepping into a role that helps others at the beginning of their research.

Volunteer Coordination - this is a key role that can make or break our successful games. Monitor online sign-ups, insure credentials, and t-shirts match. Work with committee chairs to share key information for specific roles. Work closely with tech team coordinating the online sign-up process.

Graphic Design - update existing materials and create new ones as needed. Sufficient experience required.

Online Ticket Sales - set up and monitor the online sales process. Communicate status and issues to Games chair and others, as needed.

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Volunteer Catering (during set-up week) - Our current volunteer will stay one more year to mentor a new volunteer. You can go solo as soon as you feel comfortable. Plan throughout the year, use your Games budget to purchase and store/freeze food based on coupons, deals and your own savvy process.

Games Meeting Scribe - are you nimble with your ears and fingers? Are you quick to capture and document meeting notes with many moving pieces? Able to participate in every planning meeting? Capture action items and track them to completion while keeping the Games chair updated?

We'll discuss this at our meeting and you can always contact me or the retiring member with your questions.

I can promise you this: You will work hard and be inspired beyond belief. You will witness the true heart and soul of what it means to be a Scot. Come join us. We'll also have fun and laugh a lot.

You will also have the following benefits: refine your existing organization skills, improve your capability as a coach and manager of other people, gaining experience managing a budget. These are all things that would look good on a job resume and would certainly contribute to your own sense of accomplishment and your feeling of fulfillment in offering service and giving back.

Do you have ideas, are you curious, did you see something that needs to be fixed? Please contact me. I am here to listen and share your curiosity. I'm also a problem solver who links arms instead of casting blame.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our retiring chairs. You have served the Games well. I honor you.

Slàinte,

Julie Palmer

2025 Highland Games Chair

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2025 Officer & Trustee Election

December Membership Meeting
Monday, December 2nd 7:00 pm

All Executive Officers &
3 Members of the Board of Trustees
are eligible for Election

**Consider
Running for
Office!**

Officers

Trustees

Executive Committee		
Office	Term	Candidates
President	1 Year	Chris MacKenzie (Incumbent)
First VP	1 Year	Bruce Gray (Incumbent)
Second VP	1 Year	Jean Wingblad (Incumbent)
Secretary	1 Year	~~ Open~~
Membership	1 Year	Julie Bartoy (Incumbent)
Treasurer	1 Year	~~ Open~~
Social Activities	1 Year	Emily Wigodski (Incumbent)
Fling Editor/Communications	1 Year	Shelby Rohr (Incumbent)
Piper	1 Year	Dave Martin (Incumbent)
Executive Committee seats are elected based on position.		
Trustees		
Chair	Exp. 2027	~~ Tentatively Open ~~
Co-Vice Chair	2024 - 2026	Kent Richards
Trustee	2024 - 2026	Bob Richardson
Secretary	Exp. 2025	Clifford Les
Trustee	Exp. 2027	~~ Open ~~
Trustee	2024 - 2026	Bob Crawford
Co-Vice Chair	Exp. 2025	Beth Frahm
Trustee	Exp. 2027	~~ Open ~~
Trustee	Exp. 2025	Tim Reade
Even though one position is shown as chair, the Board will determine who will chair that body at the December or January meeting. The same holds true for the vacated committee liaisons.		

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit holds an election for executive officers and trustees each year during the December meeting. The election is via secret ballot, and the seats are filled by qualified members who are interested in helping with the leadership, direction, and activities of the Society.

This year, I'm glad to report that several of our Executive Committee incumbents are interested in running for another one-year term. However, two important positions are open for new nominees: Louise Giles has served as our secretary for two years and is going to pass the pen, and Amy Pennybaker has worked this past year to help us meet our financial reporting goals and is now passing the calculator.

All three Board seats (with a three-year term) are open, although Elliot is still considering his ability to commit to another three years. The Board is fiscally responsible for our expense performance and investments, along with the assets that have been acquired throughout the years, like our building.

All position descriptions will be listed in future newsletters. **ALL SEATS ARE OPEN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE BALLOT!** Please contact me for more information, or to nominate yourself or someone else: emma.velasco@hotmail.com or 248-229-7388.



The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
Celebrating Scottish Heritage.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(New! All of our Sign-ups on one page! Click on the Tabs to see the individual Sign-ups)

[SASD Sign-ups to Volunteer](#)

SCOT-URDAY COMEDY CLUB NIGHT **PG-13**

SEPTEMBER 7TH
7PM

KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
2363 ROCHESTER RD. TROY, MI

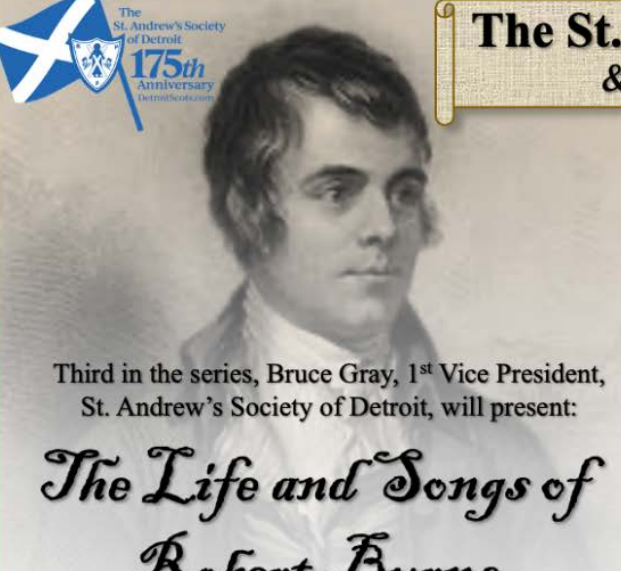
\$20 in advance
\$25 at the door
Public Welcome

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Silent Auction
50/50 Raffles
Cash Bar

PROCEEDS GO TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR FUTURE EVENTS
 A SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY FOUNDED IN 1849 AND AN IRC 501(C)(3) CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

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The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
175th Anniversary
1849-2024

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit & the Charles S. Low Library

In celebration of our 175th Anniversary, we proudly present a 2024 Lecture Series

Join us for an afternoon of history, music, and song as we cover the life of Robert Burns and his contribution to the Scottish traditional music canon


Third in the series, Bruce Gray, 1st Vice President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, will present:

The Life and Songs of Robert Burns

Featuring Tara

Sunday, September 8th, 2:00 to 4:30 pm
Free Admission
Kilgour Scottish Center
2363 Rochester Road, Troy MI 48083
(248) 525-1849

Doors open at 1:30 pm; light refreshments provided

RSVP 

RSVP REQUESTED



The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit
175th Anniversary
1849-2024

TARTAN TAVERN TRIVIA NIGHT

\$5 COVER CHARGE

**KILGOUR SCOTTISH CENTRE
2363 ROCHESTER ROAD, TROY
7:00 TO 10:00 PM**

CASH BAR

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
HOSTS VAN + SHELBY ROHR**

**BRING SNACKS, CHIPS FOR SALE AT THE BAR
OR ORDER FOOD TO BE DELIVERED!**

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Glenturret Distillery Whisky Tasting

Saturday, October 5, 2024
Kilgour Scottish Centre
2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI

Tickets \$60/person
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Tasting begins after Dinner

Hosted by Whisky Ambassador Elliot MacFarlane

Mission BBQ

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A SCOTTISH TEA

Saturday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m.

\$45 per person

Kilgour Scottish Centre
2363 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48083
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The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit welcomes
Jim & Susie Malcolm
 in concert at the Kilgour Scottish Centre
 2363 Rochester Road, Troy, MI



Friday, October 25th, 7 pm

TICKETS IN ADVANCE \$20
 AT THE DOOR \$25

DOORS & BAR OPEN

6 PM

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*We Need
 Men in Kilts!*

GREENMEAD
 VILLAGE
 OCTOBER 5TH
 3:00 - 5:00 PM

We are in need a few Good Men in KILTS (four) to join Ron Cunningham to help the Greenmead staff pour tea at their Annual Highland Tea fundraiser! This is a "pay back" for their support for our Games.

Call Ron at (248) 722-1418 to guarantee your spot. This has been a "Fun Afternoon" for all concerned for more than a decade.

Ron Cunningham

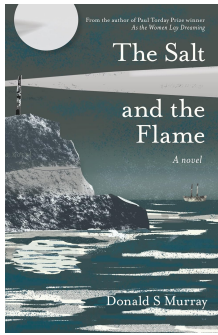


While you are chatting with Ron Cunningham, he would appreciate leads on affordable used cars. He is anxious to get another car!

Low Library Book Club

The Salt and the Flame by Donald S. Murray will be the topic of the Low Library Book Club's September meeting.

This is the book that Donald Murray was writing when he visited our St. Andrew's Society to get information about Detroit. Here is the description:



It's April 21, 1923. The SS Metagama is inching out of Stornoway harbor, Scotland. On board are Finlay and Mairead, young and hopeful, destined for Detroit (via Canada).

On the other side of the Atlantic, the effects of the Great Depression are inescapable. Prejudice and division are rife, and though they remain bound by a shared past, their lives soon diverge.

In an adopted country that is tense with both opportunity and loss, can Mairead and Finlay keep their promises to one another to look only forward, and resist the constant pull of their homeland?

From the author of the prize-winning *As the Women Lay Dreaming* comes a poignant and deeply evocative novel of the 20th-century emigrant experience in the New World. With lyrical prose and masterful storytelling, Murray paints a vivid portrait of the resilient Hebrideans-in-exile who struggled between holding on and letting go.

The meeting will be held on Zoom on September 16 at 5:30 pm (EDT). Everyone is welcome. Contact Cathy McCullough Les at library@detroitscots.com to get the Zoom invitation.

*"And all at once,
summer collapsed
into fall."*

OSCAR WILDE



Off The Shelf... Celebrating the Charles S. Low Memorial Library

Well, I don't know about you all, but I'm getting very excited for the Fall season. As I type, my windows are open, and it's 67 degrees outside. But, unfortunately for some of us, we aren't there yet, and as such, I need to go back in time to a much, much, warmer weekend - The 175th St. Andrew's Society Highland Games.

Over at the Library and St. Andrew's tent, Jamie Fraser was assisting us by drawing in attendees with his come-hither gaze and bare knees. Apparently, he loves a photo op, and who are we to deny him? Luckily, he's the quiet type, so he won't be charming anyone through the stones with his beautiful brogue.

Our thanks go to Kellie Beveridge for her informative and beautiful display of our Society's history. She spent much time and effort gathering photos and information, creating an eye-catching timeline of important moments in our history, and putting together a memorable video presentation that played all day. Lynette McLeod was charming guests into the tent with tales of our benevolence, charity, and support of Scottish customs, while Julie Bartoy was busy greeting prospective members in her uniquely warm and enthusiastic way.

Dennis Clements and several of our library committee members were selling donated books and Scottish memorabilia as well as informing the public about just what the Charles S. Low Memorial Library is all about! Just as a reminder, we welcome all members to come and explore the library and make use of the thousands of interesting books on all areas of Scottish culture and life. We work hard to keep our collection up to date and to make sure we are a great resource for all of you, and we would absolutely love to see you there! We have a few members familiar with genealogy who are willing to help you in the research of your Scottish ancestry as well.

Speaking of genealogy, we are looking for any Society members with an interest in genealogy or experience with genealogical research to join our Genealogy Committee. We would love to grow and help other Scots research their ancestry and learn how to navigate the vast sources of information available. If you are interested, please contact Marjorie Cowan at genealogy@detroitscots.com.

Best wishes to all,

Victoria Patterson

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