

The Highland Fling

July 2025



Chris MacKenzie, President

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Dear Fellow Scots,

Welcome to the July Mini-Fling. Not sure what is “mini” about it. Maybe just less info about this month’s meeting. Meaning there isn’t one. If you show up on July 7th nobody will be there. Although if anyone wants to meet up for a wee dram let me know.

I’m not sure why we don’t have meetings in the summer. I can see why we don’t have one in August; we are either getting ready for, or recovering from, the Games. But July? My guess is it goes back to St. Andrew’s Hall and a lack of air conditioning in the old building. I’m going with that.

But just because we don’t have a meeting in July doesn’t mean we can slack off. We have the Games coming up in a month. This is an all-hands-on-deck situation. Although when is it not? We need the membership to sign up early to volunteer at the Games. Days, evenings, weekdays, weekends, we have a spot for you. Let your friends and neighbors know. It is a good time for all, and for a good cause. We raise money for scholarships in the Scottish Arts as well as spreading our heritage to those who seek to learn more.

We had a great turnout at the Michigan Irishfest in June. Cliff and Claudia Scott organized our group and did a great job of it. A great number of volunteers were on hand to represent our Society and to sell raffle tickets. It was a great weekend of friends, music, and whisky.

A large group of volunteers showed up on the 14th to give the grounds of the Kilgour a freshening up. It really needed it and it looks great.

Thanks to all who have put in their time for the Society.

See you at the Games! And looking forward to seeing you at August’s non-meeting as well!

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



2025 SASD CALENDAR

July 2025

There is not a Membership Meeting in July

7/8	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/8	Panera Bread Fundraiser, 30955 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
7/10	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
7/10	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/15	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/17	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/19	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
7/21	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/23	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/24	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
7/24	Highland Games Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
7/26	Scottish Heritage Night, Detroit City Football Club, Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI (Buy Tickets Here)
7/30	Highland Games Volunteers Meeting, Alexander Blue House, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia, 6:00 p.m.

August 2025

There is not a Membership Meeting in August

8/1	Cèilidh, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
8/2	176th Highland Games, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia, 8:30 a.m.
8/12	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
8/14	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8/16	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8/18	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
8/27	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)
8/28	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2025 SASD CALENDAR

September 2025				
Date	Food	Charity	50/50	Benevolence
9/1	Labor Day National Holiday			
9/8	Membership Meeting, Kilgour, Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m., Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.			
	Potluck	St. Vincent de Paul	Detroit Rescue Mission	Morse Elementary School
9/9	Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)			
9/11	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
9/15	Low Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)			
9/15	Cultural Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)			
9/16	House Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)			
9/20	Library Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open Library Hours, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
9/24	Membership Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)			
9/25	Open Library Hours, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			
	Calendar Subject to change			



[CLICK HERE](#)
[to see our photos of](#)
[June 2025 Events](#)

REMINDER: At an SASD event? Take photos! Send them to
flingeditor@detroitscots.com!



Beth Frahm
Benevolence Chair

Our Benevolences

I hope everyone is enjoying some warmer weather and getting prepared for the Highland Games. I want to take this opportunity to provide the list of charities we will be supporting when we resume monthly meetings in the Fall. This will give you time to plan your donations. Maybe it will inspire you to clear out unused clothing and household items or, watch for sale items to contribute. Thank you for your continued support of our many needy charities.

September - St Vincent de Paul, accepting used clothing and household items to be sold in their stores at a discounted price for people in need.

October - Forgotten Harvest, non-perishable food items. I will provide a detailed list in the fall. They are always in need of canned items, pasta and cereal.

November - USMC Toys for Tots, unwrapped gifts for children.

December - Coalition of Temporary Shelter (COTS), Toiletries, dental hygiene, feminine hygiene pads, twin size sheets, pajamas (children through adult), wash cloths, coloring books, board games, baby formula (ready-made), diaper rash cream



Thoughts & Prayers

Member Paula Lupi's mother in law passed away after a long illness. Please keep Paula and her family in your thoughts.



REPORT THOUGHTS & PRAYERS REQUESTS



Emily Bissell
Cultural Activities Director

Cultural Activities

Come we to the summer, to the summer we will come,
For the woods are full of bluebells and the hedges full of bloom,
And the crow is on the oak a-building of her nest,
And love is burning diamonds in my true lover's breast;
She sits beneath the whitethorn a-plaiting of her hair,
And I will to my true lover with a fond request repair;
I will look upon her face, I will in her beauty rest,
And lay my aching weariness upon her lovely breast.

~John Clare

Thank you so much to everyone who brought dishes to share for our June potluck, those who contributed towards the cost of supplies, and to those who assisted with the meeting.

MI Celtic Festival, July 11-12, 2025

Come stop by our SASD tent on clan row!!!!

From the MI Celtic festival's [website](#):

Festival Friday

It all starts at 6:00 pm on Friday offering Celtic music on the main stage and more than a dozen (free to the public) workshops that provide lessons in traditional folk dance, sword play and acrobatics, athletics, traditional musical instruments and historic living.

Saturday

On Saturday the Festival kicks off with over 100 pipers parading through the Festival grounds to the opening ceremony hosted by the mayor of Saline who welcomes an average of 10,000 attendees to enjoy: Celtic music and dance performances and instruction on multiple stages; athletes from all over the country vying for champion status in Highland Athletics; youth dancers travelling from all across North America to compete in the Highland Dance Competition; the Wee Folks area where children 3-12 years old can do various Celtic crafts, hear storytellers, and participate in games such as bean bag haggis toss and archery; exhibitions in sword play, historic encampments; and acrobatics; and to partake in the foods and wares being offered by various artisans.

Saturday, 7/26/2025 Scottish Heritage Night At Detroit City Football Club

Come watch the DCFC take down the Westchester Soccer Club at the first-ever Scottish Heritage Night!

The address is Detroit City Football Club, Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m.

Buy tickets to the [game here](#). \$5 from every ticket purchased through this link gets donated to our Society! Those buying tickets through the link will get a free commemorative t-shirt. Please share the link with your friends and family!

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Coming Soon: Sign Up Genius for Michigan Renaissance Festival Highland Fling Weekend Volunteers August 23 & 24.

We will have a limited number of complimentary tickets available for volunteers. Please contact me directly with any questions.

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!

Find volunteer opportunities at our [Sign Up Genius landing page](#).

Do you want to get involved in the Cultural Activities Committee? We are always welcoming new members! Our committee meets on the third Monday of the month via Zoom. Please contact me if you want to be added to the committee email list.

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 and questions to Emily at culturalevents@detroitscots.com.



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

Dear St. Andrew's Members,

The library has been working on a new project. We would like to give you a sneak peak behind the curtains at our new online Charles Low Library Card Catalog. Below is the link to access the library website so you can take a look at it. Needless to say, this is a work in progress and is by no means finished. Please stay tuned for more updates.

Click on the link and look at what we will have available in the near future!

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We will have further information as the year progresses, but we thought you might like to see it in its current state.

Love, The Library Committee

Library Hours

3rd Saturday of every month - 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

2nd and 4th Thursday every month - 10:30 am to 3:30 p.m.

During Social hour prior to the monthly meeting. Also, by appointment.

Email: library@detroitscots.com

Web Page: <https://detroitscots.com/library/>



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.



Here is your *To Do List* for the 176th Highland Games:

- ❖ [Buy Your Tickets](#)
- ❖ [Sign up to Volunteer](#)
- ❖ [Donate to the Trophy Collection](#)
- ❖ **Sponsor a Tartan Taxi**
- ❖ **Buy or Sell your Raffle Tickets**
- ❖ **Invite your family & friends**
- ❖ **Share on Social Media**

For 176 years SASD members have risen to the challenge!

In calendar year 2024, Repairs and Maintenance of the Kilgour totaled \$87,200. That's an \$81.4K increase over the prior year. For the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the total Kilgour expenses increased by \$99.2K. In 2025, the Kilgour's fire suppression system will undergo major repairs with the estimated cost of \$13,900. Replacing the north fireplace & chimney piping as well as performing maintenance on the parking lot will cost thousands more. Giving directly to a Kilgour Center Fund (Account 40507) will pay the upkeep of the Kilgour Centre, now and in the future. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 over a 12-month period beginning this September through the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive.

Every member is urged to participate in the Kilgour Centre Fund Drive by giving \$200 annually. You could choose to donate \$16.75 monthly, \$50 quarterly or, make one annual donation of \$200. The committee's objective is a \$200 donation per member to cover the cost of maintaining our Hall but, any amount one can afford to give to the operations and maintenance of our beloved Kilgour Center would be appreciated.

For 176 years, SASD Members have risen to the challenge. From our founding in 1849 through the Civil War, WWI, the Great Depression, WW2, building our former home, the St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, selling it in 1994 and becoming "homeless" again, SASD members have risen to the challenge. Then in 2010, we received a 1.8-million-dollar gift from the Helen Jane Kilgour estate and were able to buy and renovate our beloved Kilgour Scottish Centre.

The upkeep of this wonderful gift, the Kilgour Centre is our present challenge. At several meetings, we have all heard that we are in dire financial straits. We used to pay for maintenance and improvements to the Kilgour Centre with the interest of our savings. Over the past several years, we have had to significantly dip into the principal. Now it is time for each one of us as members to rise to the challenge!

The Kilgour Centre is our home. We greet friends there. We enjoy laughter and music. We aid those in distress. We've been known to have lifted a wee dram or two of whisky at our Kilgour Centre. Stay tuned. More information about this new, Kilgour Fund will be provided at the September membership meeting and in the September Fling. For 176 years SASD members have risen to the challenge!

"JUST ASK"

Remember to "Just Ask" your family, friends, work associates or members of other organizations you belong to, to make a donation to the Kilgour Center Fund. Every dollar donated to the maintenance and operation of the Kilgour allows the Society to maintain its benevolent activities at current levels. Necessary improvements to the building and its daily operating costs have increased, while incoming cash flow has remained relatively stagnant. Please help your fellow Scots maintain the Kilgour. Donations can be made on the website to "Kilgour Center Fund 40507". Also, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit business cards with a QR code on its back (leading to the exact donation site) can be found near the inside front entrance of the Kilgour for handing out. Grab some to hand out and remember to "Just Ask".

If you wish to become a "Just Ask Roving Ambassador" at the Highland Games please contact your fellow Scot - Don Hiruo at dhiruo@comcast.net for details.

Thanks,

Don H



Charles S. Low Book Club

The Low Library Book Club's discussion book for the June 9th meeting was *To Be Continued* by James Robertson.

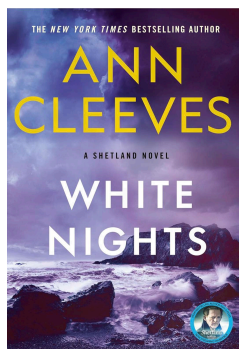
Douglas Findhorn Elder has just turned 50, has become "voluntarily redundant" at the newspaper where he worked, and broken up with his girlfriend and moved back to the home where he grew up. He is at loose ends until he meets Mungo Forth Mungo (a talking toad) and accepts a freelance job from his old boss to write an article about a woman who is turning 100. Then it's up to Northwest Scotland where the people he meets will change his life - or drive him crazy - or both.

This was a fun read full of odd characters with multiple identities, whisky smuggling, a talking toad that likes red wine, and a disappearing bartender. Also included are interesting bits about Scotland, for example: there's a whirlpool off the coast of the island of Jura called Corryvreckan,

And if you tip the map of Scotland and Ireland on its side, you can see the old sea ways that were the "highways" of the ancient world. We recommend this book for a bit of fun.

For next discussion on September 15, we will be reading *White Nights* (Shetland, #2) (402 p.) and *Red Bones* (Shetland, #3) (392 p.) by Ann Cleeves.

White Nights, Shetland #2:

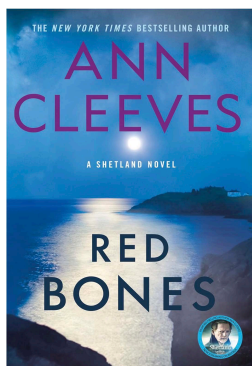


It's midsummer in the Shetland Islands, the time of the white nights, when birds sing at midnight and the sun never sets. Artist Bella Sinclair throws an elaborate party to launch an exhibition of her work at The Herring House, a gallery on the beach.

The party ends in farce when one of the guests, a mysterious Englishman, bursts into tears and claims not to know who he is or where he's come from. The following day the Englishman is found hanging from a rafter, and Detective Jimmy Perez is convinced that the man has been murdered. He is reinforced in this belief when Roddy, Bella's musician nephew, is murdered, too.

Perez knows he must break the cycle before another death occurs. But this is a crazy time of year when night blurs into day and nothing is quite as it seems.

Red Bones, Shetland #3



When a young archaeologist studying on a site at Whalsay discovers a set of human remains, the island settlers are intrigued. Is it an ancient find - or a more contemporary mystery?

Then an elderly woman is shot in a tragic accident in the middle of the night. Shetland detective Jimmy Perez is called in by her grandson - his own colleague, Sandy Wilson.

The sparse landscape and the emptiness of the sea have bred a fierce and secretive people. Mima Wilson was a recluse. She had her land, her pride and her family. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds instead two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations.

Surrounded by people he doesn't know and in unfamiliar territory, Jimmy finds himself out of his depth. Then there's another death and, as the spring weather shrouds the island in claustrophobic mists, Jimmy must dig up old secrets to stop a new killer from striking again.

The next meeting will be on September 15 at 5:30 p.m. (EDT) via Zoom. Contact Cathy McCullough Les (library@detroitscots.com) if you have any questions.



We're raising dough!

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Saturday, 7/26/2025
SCOTTISH HERITAGE NIGHT
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Come watch the DCFC take down the
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Gates open at 5:30 PM, Game starts at 7 PM

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Have your Clan join the Wall!



Want your Clan plaque added to our Burns Room display?

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Clan: _____

Tartan: _____

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Happy July Birthdays!

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