



# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THIS IS THE THISTLE TIMES

Dear Members & Friends,

Sadly, winter weather shut down the Christmas party.

However, our annual spectacular Scottish "pageant" honoring dear Rabbie Burns was again presented with its outstandingly high standards to a near capacity crowd of 400. Congratulations to all who contributed their talents, including fellow Board members Carrie, Anne and Alex for their unique work to ensure its success.

This year will be especially remembered for Keith Mackie's fresh and personally poignant Immortal Memory, and for our introduction to Ed Miller, folk singer extraordinaire. As a new friend, Ed warmed some of our homes, the Hilton, and our hearts. He should be in town again for the St. Louis Scottish Games, October 12-13. Haste ye back!

In Jefferson City, final steps are underway to have April 6 permanently declared "Tartan Day" in Missouri. Please read the Concurrent Resolution, included later, and lobby any Representatives or Missouri Senators or Government contacts you have. We've been invited to celebrate at the Capitol again and all readers who wish to join our 2001 St. Louis bus party (Friday, April 6) should call Jen or me now on 314-966-3920.

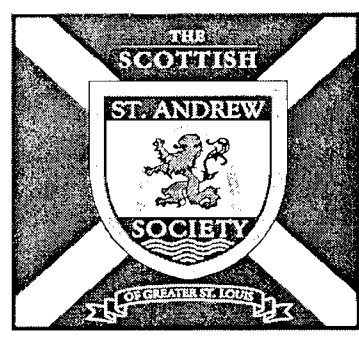
Take a look at our upcoming programs, where we next have a special musical treat; then our infamous Ceilidh; followed by our Picnic that will have a new approach this year - more in next month's *Thistle Times*.

'By the time you're reading this, its Publishing Editor should be the beneficiary of a new hip, safely installed. Awrabest, Jim!

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll.



Highland Mist Dancers at Burns Dinner  
Diane McCullough, Peter Wollenberg



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Monday March 5, 2001 at 7pm  
General meeting at MICDS  
Featuring  
Alex Usher, autoharpist playing Scottish music,  
Alex performed at our 2000 Ceilidh

**O**ther exciting events for this year....

**April 21** at 7pm: **Ceilidh** at Whispering Hills — more details next month

**May:** Picnic-- Details of new location and format next month

**November 10:** St Andrew Annual Dinner Dance at Forest Hills Country Club featuring the Kinlochard Ceilidh Band from Scotland

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If you would like  
to help out, call  
Diane McCullough  
314 773 4195

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**January 26, 2002:** Robert Burns Dinner at Frontenac Hilton

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Other Interesting Events In St Louis Area:

**February 16 - Race Relations Day** Alex Sutherland will entertain during the day. Alex and Carrie Sutherland and Bill Nicoll will represent the Society.

**Friday March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Party** 7 - 11 pm, College Church, corner of Grand and Lindell. More info from Jane Godfrey 314-776-0311. Alex Sutherland will be among the entertainers during the evening. It's a fun evening of music and song (mostly Irish).

**Saturday March 24, Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual Celtic Festival**, Arcadia.

Held in conjunction with Dunkerron School of Bagpiping. Alex Sutherland and the Cronies are singing . For more info call Alex and Carrie - 314-771-0119.

**April 20-22, 2001: Mississippi River Celtic Music Festival**—see more details later

**June 23, 2001: Highland Mist Ball:** 8pm at Just Dancing Studio

Tickets \$20 per dancer, \$10 for observer.

Contact Judie Chaboude 636 946 4174 for tickets or more information

# Scottish Highland Games

**The Date and Location are confirmed for the St Louis Scottish Games**

**Date: Friday evening October 12, 2001 and all day Saturday October 13, 2001**

**Location: Forest Park, St Louis, east of the History Museum**

## **HELP WANTED:**

### **Celebrity Sought:**

With the St. Louis Highland Games scheduled for October 12 and 13, the Scottish St Andrew Society can enhance the visibility of the event by having a celebrity of Scottish ancestry as the Society's special "Honored Guest" at the Games. Some prospective celebrities whose names have come up in conversation are: Ewan McGregor, Tom Selleck, David James Elliott (star of the CBS TV series, "JAG"), Jay Leno of the Tonight Show (whose mother is a Scot), Cliff Robertson (who has appeared at the Scottish Festival in Moultrie, Ga.), Fox News' Brit Hume (also a guest at the Moultrie event), or actor Sam Elliott (who was at the Grandfather Mountain Games several years ago). Sorry—we found out that Sean Connery is not available!

Of course, the best way for the Society to attract a star would be for a member to actually know a celebrity. Short of that, please ask yourself:

Do I know anyone, personally or professionally, through whom I can network to get in touch with a celebrity who would be willing to appear at the Games?

Time is running short, so if you have any ideas or leads, please contact :

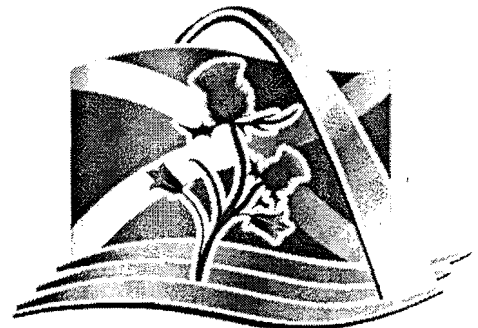
Charles Henderson at (314) 444-8311 (work), (314) 968-1036 (home), or e-mail him at: [charles.b.henderson@stls.frb.org](mailto:charles.b.henderson@stls.frb.org).

### **Volunteers:**

We will need numerous volunteers to make this event happen. If you would like to help please contact Bill Nicoll (314) 966 3920, or by e-mail to [macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com](mailto:macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com)

The SLSG website is [www.stlouis-scottishgames.com](http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com)

S T L O U I S  
SCOTTISH GAMES



# Caledonia Corner

Two old cronies were discussing the 'good old days.  
"Aye," said Tam "nearly a' oor auld freends are gone,  
but Jock's that the ane I miss the maist."

"How's that, Tam?"

"I meeried his widow

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Mr A: "I hear your son is an undertaker. I thocht you  
said he was a doctor."

Mr B: "I said naething o' the kind. I said he followed  
the medical profession."

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Teacher: "What outstanding contribution has chemis-  
try made to the world?"

Wee laddie: "Please, miss - blondes!"

"I hear you're a great belevier in free speech"

"I am that"

"Weel , ye'll no' mind if I use yer Phone."

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Joiner: "Ye hammer nails like lightnin'."

Apprentice: "D'ye mean I'm fast?"

Joiner: "No, ye seldom strike twice in the same place."

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Jessie: "My goodness? It must be five years since I saw  
ye last. You look an awful lot older."

Jean: "Is that so? I widna hae recognised you if it  
wasna for the coat."

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## Scotland, Orkney and Shetland Tour: July 22-August 5, 2001

A travel adventure to visit ancestors of the Nordic And Viking travelers of olde. This custom-  
made "soft adventure" tour of 16 days organizes distances and time patterns to cover heritage from  
the Stone Age into modern times

Organized by Bob Eastin, Hausler Travel Associates 314 991 1383

## Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Soci-  
ety lapel pin.....

1. What was the County of Angus called before  
it went back to "Angus" in 1923?
2. How long is a Scottish mile?
3. What was the last Scottish city to abandon  
its tramcar system?

Congratulations to Gordon McRoberts who  
won last month.

### Answers:

1. Northern Lights are the Aurora Borealis—  
glowing atmospheric gases seen from northern  
Scotland

2. Holyrood is the Queens' Place in Edinburgh  
at the foot of the Royal Mile

3. The Walter Scott Monument has 287 steps  
All replies to Jim McLaren Tel: 636-532-5986  
e-mail: mclaren@inverizon.com

## Mississippi River Celtic Music Festival:

[www.tionol.org](http://www.tionol.org)

*A weekend of traditional Irish music .*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001

Seamus McDaniels Session

9pm til closing 314 645-6337

1208 Tamm Ave

Ceilidh— Focal Point at 8.30 pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2001

Workshops 9.30 to 4 pm

Concert: 8 pm at Sheldon Concert Hall

Tickets from Metrotix 314 534 111

St. Louis Brewery Taproom Session

After concert till closing

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2001

John D.. McGurk's Session

10am till ??'

Focal Point Session— Noon

# Robert Burns Dinner



Pipe Major Bill Henry

Newly weds,  
Keith & Sharon Mackie



Are they still smiling at each other after giving the toasts?  
Keith and Kathleen Parle



A Bonnie Lad & Lass  
Norval & Betty Seeley



Elaine & David Holmes, Nancy Crozier, David Beebe



Don & Joann McDonald

# TARTAN DAY in MISSOURI

Ninth Day-Wednesday, January 17, 2001

*Senators Stoll and Loudon offered the following concurrent resolution:*

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No 6

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, from which the American Declaration of Independence was modeled, was signed on April 6, 1320; and

WHEREAS, Scottish Americans played a major role in the founding of this Nation, almost half of the signers of our Declaration of Independence and the governors of nine of the original states were of Scottish descent; and

WHEREAS, Scottish Americans helped shape this nation in its formative years, guided it through troubled times and have made invaluable contributions to America in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government and many other areas; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Missouri General Assembly wish to salute to all Americans of Scottish descent as they celebrate their heritage:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House Representatives concurring therein, hereby declare April 6th of each year as Tartan Day in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Scottish St Andrew Society of Greater St Louis.

### *Robert Burns Picture*

At our Burns Night a year ago, the Society was quietly presented with a very distinctive gift from Maisie and Floyd Breckenridge, Charter Members since 1972. The item, in Maisie's family for many years before she brought it to the US in 1946, is a 22 x 26 framed portrait of our national bard in his masonic regalia, as Depute Master (1784-88) of the Tarbolton Kilwinning St. James Lodge No 135. It is in the form of an etching by Charles Ewart from a Stuart Watson painting in Freemasonry's Grand Lodge of Scotland. Thank you Mr & Mrs Breckenridge for their thoughtful and permanent memento.

Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, new material, and letters to the Editor:

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