

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

Those of us who first heard Alex Usher play Autoharp at Ceilidh 2000 had the same delight when she entertained a small, enthusiastic audience at MICD School. It's a pity the lovely room there is not enjoyed by more of us. We'll see Alex again at the Games & Festival in October -- catch up on Games news inside.

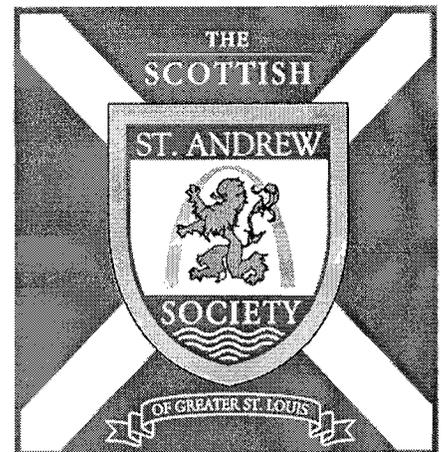
Next is our traditional Ceilidh (April 21), followed by a new approach to the May picnic. We've chosen to support *The 3rd Annual Greater St. Louis Renaissance Faire* in Wentzville. I went to their first in 1999, and the park setting (booked through 2008) provides for a fine picnic afternoon.

The "Tartan Day" resolution is now close to Missouri approval -- passed the Senate and needs just one more House reading -- but unclear if all will be done by April 6. No matter, at present 14 of us from St. Louis will be at the Capitol along with Society friend Sen. John Loudon who has been helping move the Bill along.

Re the picture of Burns as a Freemason, noted in our last *Thistle Times*, my father was both a Stonemason (as a craft) and member of the same national Lodge Kilwinning as Rabbie. In research I did on the picture, I learned some things about the impact of Freemasonry in US Government. With Tartan Day coming up, read about what's said on that inside.

I'm pleased to attest that Editor Jim McLaren seems to be sporting his new hip well and treating it with some respect.

Yours aye, Bill Nicoll.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

Saturday, April 21st, 2001. Starting at 7:00pm

Annual Ceilidh

at Whispering Hills

See attached flier — plan now and ask some friends

THE FLIER IS YOUR RESERVATION FORM: USE IT, DON'T LOSE IT

Other exciting events for this year...

May 27th: **Picnic** — will be held at the St Louis Renaissance Faire. Take I-70 west to Wentzville to the Pearce Blvd exit, turn right and follow signs to Rotary Park. Fair is on at weekends between May 12 and 28th —our picnic is on Sunday 27th.

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

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

Other events around town...

April 20-22, 2001

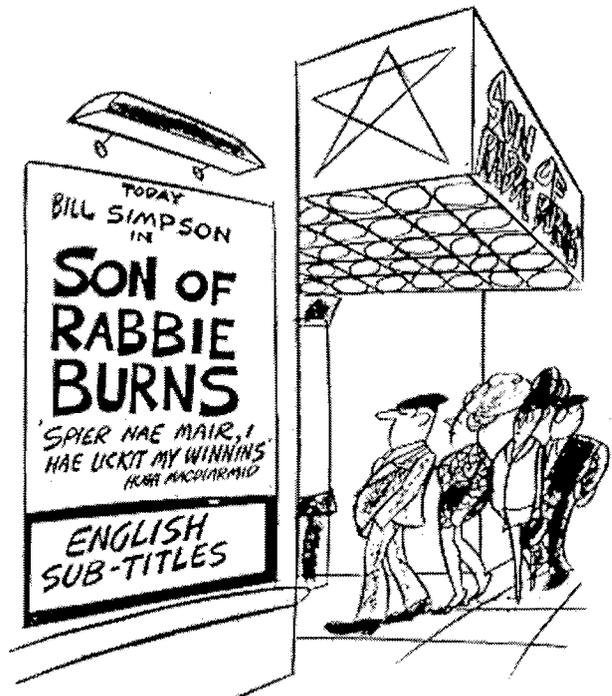
Mississippi River Celtic Music Festival
Focal Point, 2720 Sutton. 314 645 6337

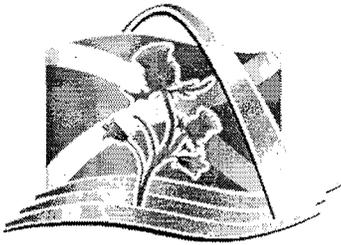
April 1, 2001 (it's real)

Scottish Festival (Music)
Jefferson College Fine Arts Theatre
Tickets \$4 and \$3 for children, avail at the door
or call 636 797 3000

June 23, 2001, at 8:00pm

Highland Mist Ball
Just Dancing Studio
\$20 per dancer, \$10 per observer: tickets...
Call Judie Chaboude at 636 946 4174





S T L O U I S

SCOTTISH GAMES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following have been appointed and would be happy to hear from you if you want to help in an area.

Jen Nicoll
Admission & Tickets

John Daniels
Ambulance & First Aid

Jim McCaughan/Joe Moore
Athletics

Judie Chaboude
Ceremonies

Geoff Chaboude/Kim Gordon
Clans & Associations

Turk Lewis
Computer Support

Patricia McRoberts
E-mail & V-mail Coordination

Alex Sutherland
Entertainment

Diane McCullough
Genealogy

Sandra Brown
Highland Dancing

Diane McCullough
History & Storytelling

Doreen Beckman
Hospitality

Carrie Sutherland/Geoff Chaboude
Merchants & Food Vendors

William Henry
Piping & Drumming

Charles Henderson
Publicity & Media Relations

Larry Carr
Radio Communications

Doreen Beckman/Jen Nicoll
Sheepdog Demonstrations

Christopher Fulton
Volunteers

We have **openings to Chair** the following committees:

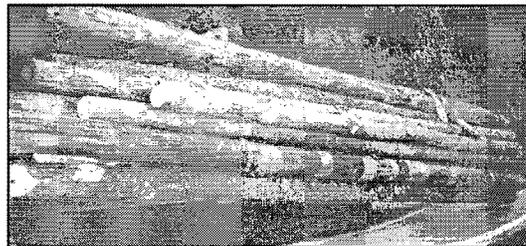
British Car Show	Children's Activities
Falconry Exhibit	Logistics & Facilities
Patrons & Donations	Program Design & Sales
Refreshment Concessions	Security & Parking

We are also looking for someone with experience to be the **Financial Manager** whose duties would include tracking the budget by committee, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and working with the Board to ensure a proper recording system is in-place.

Anyone interested, please communicate as shown below.



Joe, wife Sarah, Tom and Bill were out at the Shamrock Games signing up talent for the heavy athletics



What do you think these are??

Cabers waiting to be tossed.

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT SLSG:

Call Bill Nicoll at The Games phone no. (314) 821 1286

E-mail to macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com

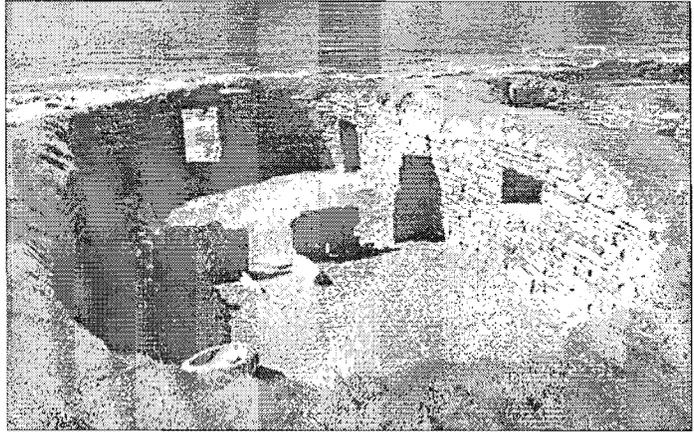
Web URL is www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

Caledonia Corner

Many people think of Scotland as the peninsular mainland to the North of England. However, the "Auld Country" also has 787 islands. Some of these are well-known for their cloth (Lewis Tweed), religious significance (Iona), the 6000 year-old standing stones (Stenness), and stories of great maritime war battles from the days of the Vikings to WWII (Scapa Flow). However, there are many surprises among the islands...

The tiny Island of Papa Westray, located among what are known as the Orkney Islands, has the oldest known house in northern Europe and was once the home of many hermits, and now lays claim to the shortest scheduled flight in the world. Officially, it takes a whole two minutes to fly from Westray to Papa Westray.

Music has long been part of the island traditions and Orkney is especially famous for fiddlers (and for people who play an instrument that looks like a violin!). Of course, that romantic island of Skye now has a bridge to the mainland — taking away the fun of the ferry — but there are many others.



The Knap of Howar, Papa Westray, Orkney Is. This Neolithic farm building is believed to be the oldest standing structure in northern Europe.

Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Who built the Antonine Wall?
2. When was the Battle of Flodden Moor?
3. What is the stretch of water called between the mainland and the Orkney Islands?

Sorry nobody won last time.

Answers:

1. County of Angus was Forfarshire
2. Scots mile = 1,984 yards (not 1,760)
3. Last trams were in Glasgow (1962)

All replies to Jim McLaren Tel: 636-532-5986
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Dave Anderson is back at the Citizens' Theatre in Glasgow with some songs and some blethers (his words) in a show being billed as

DaveAnderson@28thingsthatbugme.com.

The Glasgow Herald reports.....

The irony of the title has obviously been lost on some of those trying to buy tickets. There have been calls to the theatre from members of the public saying that they can't find the website. Perhaps they should be redirected to

www.giespeaceandgetalife.com

50 Years Ago...

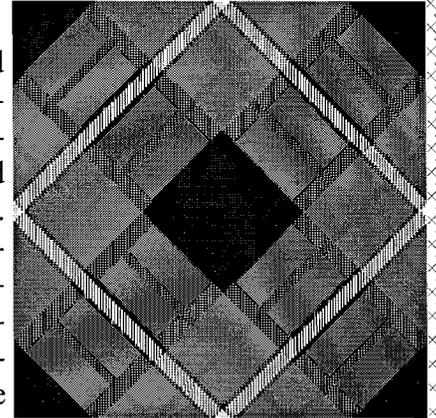
The completion of more than two years' work at the Grangemouth refinery of Scottish Oils Ltd was reached last night when a £6m extension to the works was put into production. The new plant represented the fifth phase of a large-scale development at the refinery estimated to cost £19m.

I can just about remember them building that!!

Tartan Day – April 6th

In America it's sometimes called plaid and sometimes called tartan.

So what's the correct term... Well... The interlocking pattern of colored stripes woven into cloth should be called tartan, while the material itself in which there may be tartan is properly called plaid. The American term plaid comes from the old Scots word "plaide" that was used to describe a garment worn between the 16th and early 19th centuries. The plaide was about 4-6 yards long, of double width, and was gathered into folds around the body and held at the waist by a belt. The material need not have included a tartan pattern but often did. By the mid-19th century, the word plaid was used in Scotland to describe a blanket. In America the terms plaid and tartan are often confused due to the early association of the material and the pattern.



Immigrant Scots have made huge contributions to the development of N. America yet have retained a proud remembrance of our heritage. As Woodrow Wilson said of the Scots,

"Every line of strength in American history is a line colored with Scottish blood."

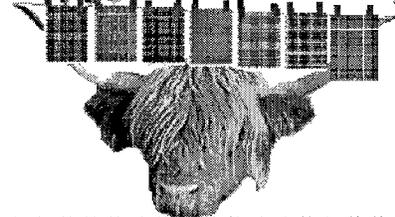
Many societies throughout Canada and America took the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath (1320) as a date to celebrate their Scottish roots — and that has evolved into "Tartan Day".

The fair have sighed for it,
The brave have died for it,
Foemen sought for it,
Heroes fought for it,
Honour the name of it,
Drink to the fame of it -
THE TARTAN

Other Evidence of Connections between Scotland and America aka Footnotes re Freemasonry (from research by Bill Nicoll as mentioned in his message on page 1)

- ◆ Benjamin Franklin had been a particularly active Mason.
- ◆ Nine signatories of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons.
- ◆ So were thirteen who signed the Constitution of the United States.
- ◆ When George Washington laid the foundation stone of the Executive Mansion, the forerunner of the White House, he did so in full masonic regalia.
- ◆ Thirteen other Freemasons have held the Office of President. Among these was Harry Truman from Independence, Missouri.
- ◆ To this day, a One Dollar bill carries symbols of Freemasonry.

Happy Tartan Day



You can follow the progress of the Tartan Day Bill in Missouri via the web at

<http://www.senate.state.mo.us/01info/bills/SC006.htm>

TOASTS & THINGS

The Burn Anne

Did you know that among Scotland's many gemstones, agate is one of the more famous (those multi-colored lined rocks), and is known as "Scotch Pebble". A particular source is a stream in Ayrshire called The Burn Anne. The burn has inspired many a poet.....

Rabbie Burns...

Upon a simmer Sunday morn, When Nature's face is fair,
I walked forth to view the corn, An' snuff the caller air.
The rising sun ower Galston muir, Was gloriously glintin
The hares were hirplin doon the furs,
The lav'rocks they were chantin

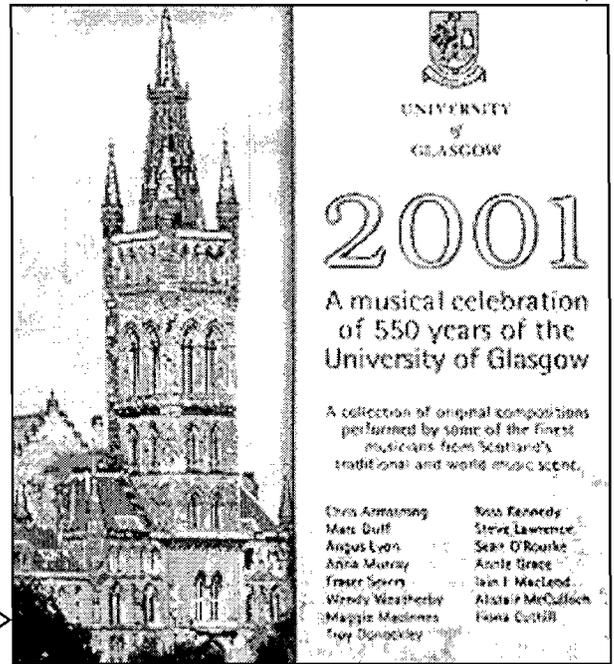
Lord Tennyson...

I chatter chatter as I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

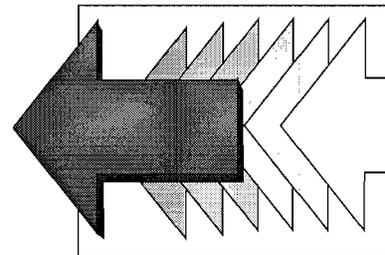
This celebration caught my eye. Now that's what you might call an established educational system. (and that's not even the oldest in Scotland!)

Extract from Inversnaid

Degged with dew, dappled with dew,
Are the groins of the braes that the brook treads through,
Wiry heathpacks, fitches of fern,
And the beadbonny ash that sits over the burn.



**Know anyone who would like to join the Society?
Call Geoff Chaboude
At (636) 519 7979
E-mail: jeffcktj@aol.com**



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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Website address is <http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink>
The St Andrew Society phone number is (636) 519 7979

SCOTTISH CEILIDH

Including a Recognition of Tartan Day

Saturday, April 21st, 2001. Starting 7:00pm till ~11:30pm
at Whispering Hills Club House

Presenting
THE ANNUAL CEILIDH

Songs, poetry, stories, dance,
jokes, music, fun, laughter.....

Everyone can participate.....
Raffle prizes.....
A fun, party atmosphere....

Beverages supplied

POT LUCK FOOD
Everyone please bring a hot or
cold hors d'oeuvres or dessert.



DRESS...
Informal with
some tartan or
informal kilts

Whispering Hills Club House is on Whispering Hills Drive, between Ross Rd and Fee Fee, just north of Olive.

Detach here and send with check, by April 19th, to:

Judie Chaboude, 727 Monroe Street, St. Charles, MO 63301. Tel: 636 946 4174

RESERVATIONS: Name _____
 ___ Adults @ \$15.00 each: \$ _____
 ___ Seniors (over 65) @ \$10.00 each: \$ _____
 ___ Kids (under 16) @ \$5.00 each: \$ _____
 TOTAL: \$ _____

Questions: Call Judie @ 636 946 4174

Checks payable to: The Scottish St Andrew Society

TICKETS at DOOR will be \$17 but phone reservation is required

**RESERVATIONS WILL
NOT BE ACCEPTED
WITHOUT A CHECK.**

Please remember to include
your check . Thank you.

BY April 19th