

# SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members & Friends,

We have a relatively small but very active, highly talented, fun-to-be-with Scottish community in the Greater St. Louis area. Many exciting events have been planned for the next few months (see page 2) including the Annual General Meeting and the Scottish Games and Cultural Festival.

The St. Andrew Society has been a major sponsor of the Scottish Games with both organizations being an integral part of the community, and both having major goals to promote Scottish culture and heritage around St. Louis. The Society achieves this through several events such as the Annual Dinner Dance, the Robert Burns Dinner, the Ceilidh and several parties. The Games provides an opportunity for a small but exciting glimpse of the breadth and depth of Scottish culture, from music to athletics to ancient legends.

Irrespective of the organization, it is the people in our "Scottish" community who make the difference. We submit that, over the past several years, there has been more, and broader, activity in the community and that has been positive for the promotion of things Scottish. Thank you for your support in these activities, and we look forward to your continued support and to seeing you at the Games, the AGM, and the upcoming events.

Yours Aye, Alex Sutherland (President SSAS), Jim McLaren (Chair, SLSG)

# THIS TIMES

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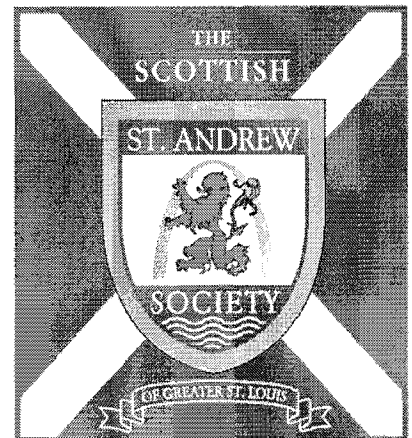
### A Wee Slice o' Scotland (in St Louis)

See inside  
for AGM  
and Games  
Information.



### We're Back!

We trust you had a good summer, and  
you're ready for the upcoming events.



### inside...

*Upcoming Events*

*St Louis Scottish Games*

*Enclosed Dues Form*

*Enclosed SLSG fliers*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Next



Event

**Tuesday, September 23rd, 2003 at 7:00pm**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Pat's Bar & Grill, 6400 Oakland at Tamm (across I40 from the zoo)

Come along early and eat first then join us in the upstairs meeting room

*(Excellent food in the grill at reasonable prices)*

Don't miss this important event to kick-off our new session

Plus you get to vote for new officers and tell us what's on your mind.

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

The planning for several events is already underway, including

**October 10-11, 2003. See you at the 2nd Annual St. Louis Scottish Games**

**November 22nd, 2003. St Andrew's Day Dinner Dance at Forest Hills CC**

**December 15th, 2003. Christmas Party at TBD**

**January 24th, 2004. Annual Robert Burns Dinner at the Frontenac Hilton**

**Other events around town....**

Oct 4th, 11:00am - 3:00pm: Kirkwood Ethnic Heritage Festival at Meacham Memorial Park. (behind the Lowe's/Walmart at I44 and Lindbergh). SSAS and SLSG will have a booth, Alex and His Cronies, Peat Fire Flame, and Highland Mist will all be performing.

Oct 18th, 7:00pm: English & Scottish Country Dance Ball. Dancing, live music, refreshments, prizes for costumes.

Oct 22nd: Royal visit by Prince Andrew at Ritz Carlton, Clayton. Sponsored by the English Speaking Union. Tickets \$250 each. Contact Val Lammert (636) 227 1334.

### **"Kilt Nichts"**

**Thursdays starting Sept 11 at local Celtic watering holes.**

**Our own Nessie will be there to promote the Games.**

**For schedule, see SLSG web or call 636-949-4186 or 314-821-1286.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Games Event

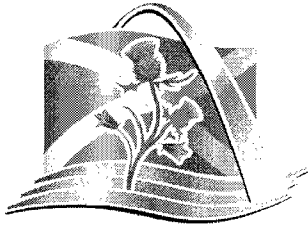
We need volunteers from the Society to help with the **Society Information Booth and other Games**

**Related Venues** for Friday Oct 10 and Saturday Oct 11.

If you would like to help, call Chris Fulton (314)962-1478 evenings

NOTE: Volunteers get a free souvenir T-shirt (*collectors item*)

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



## Committee Chairs

The following people are leading the organization of the respective areas via personal efforts and through Committees of volunteers:

Patricia McRoberts

*Administrative Support*

Jen Nicoll

*Admission Gate*

Doreen Beckman

*Animals & Birds; Hotels*

Scott Runnels

*Athletics*

Dave Massey

*British Car Show*

Judie Chaboude

*Ceremonies*

Annabel Blackiston

*Children's Activities*

Geoff Chaboude

*Clans & Associations*

Alex Sutherland

*Entertainment*

Sandra Brown

*Highland Dancing*

Diane McCullough

*History; Genealogy; Grants*

Dan Bohn/Kirt Beckman

*Logistics & Facilities*

John Daniels R. N.

*Medical*

Christopher Fulton

*Merchandising; Volunteers*

Carrie Sutherland

*Merchants & Food Vendors*

George Gerules

*Piping & Drumming*

Kim Gordon

*Program Coordination*

Charles Henderson

*Publicity & Media Relations*

Mike McCrann/Larry Carr

*Radio Communications; Parking*

Stuart Keck

*Refreshment Concessions*

Bill Dougherty

*Security*

Jim McLaren

*Website Management*

## 3rd Annual St Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival

October 10th (Friday evening) and 11th (all day)  
At Forest Park

*To establish, for the Greater St. Louis community, a high-quality Highland Games and Scottish Festival as a sustainable, annual tradition that generates national interest and recognition.*

### What did they say about the Games last year?



Well, some said it was fabulous, some said memorable, and some said it brought tears to their eyes to see such a sight in St. Louis.

Others said things like....

*"I've been going to Games for 10 years and this was one of the best ever -- it was first class -- we'll be traveling to St Louis again!"*

In keeping with our previous Games, we continue to organize and plan for a "first class" Games. We expect it will cost ~\$110,000 to run such an event this year. Ticket sales will only cover a portion of this amount, so several people have been working hard at raising funds from other sources. Given the economic conditions this has been a difficult endeavor and the Board is continuing to look for additional sources of financial help. Please consider making a financial contribution, or helping to raise money via corporate sponsors, and encouraging as many people as you meet to attend the Games.

Many thanks to those who have already given, to the "Friends of the Games", and to the volunteers who have worked so hard during the past months. There are still opportunities to help out (see page 6).

#### **SLSG Board of Directors**

Dr. Jim McLaren (Chair)

Diane McCullough (Vice-Chair)

Bill Nicoll (Managing Director)

Alex Sutherland (Secretary)

Turk Lewis (Treasurer)

Charles Henderson (Director at L)

Richard Lodge (Director at Large)

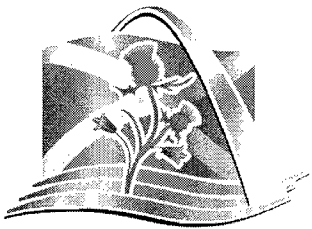
#### **NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE AT SLSG:**

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

E-mail to [macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com](mailto:macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com)

Web URL is [www.stlouis-scottishgames.com](http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com)





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### SUMMARY OF EVENTS & SCHEDULE

**Friday, October 10th, 2003**

Gates open @ 5:00pm.

~6:30pm: Torchlight Ceremony & Calling of the Scottish Clans. You may participate in this moving "out of the mist" ceremony — one representative per Clan, sign up inside the entry gate, wear tartan, and be able to carry a flaming torch. Or you can just show up and cheer for your favorite Clan.

Starting 8:00pm: Ceilidh and Musical/Singing performers. An evening of song, dancing, and fun for all.

*(You may bring your own lawn chair for the torchlight ceremony.)*

**Saturday, October 11th, 2003**

Gates open @ 8:30am.

A full day of wonderful events and ceremonies, including folk music, heavy athletics, Highland dancing, pipebands, Border Collie sheepdog demonstrations, history, storytelling, British collector car show, animals, birds, kids games, Nessie and much more....

Visit the Clan tents, and browse the merchandise booths.

Parade of Tartans at 12:30pm

Massed pipebands ~4:45pm. Closing ceremony at 5:00pm.

Food and beverages available both days from a range of vendors.

Please note: *No pets allowed on site.*

**Official Entry Forms for Competitions.....**

See the website or call:

Piping & Drumming: George Gerules (314) 963 7242

Highland Dancing: Mary Sinclair (636) 530 9184

Heavy Athletics: Scott Runnels at 314-429-6681

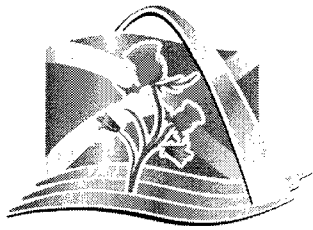
Car Show: Dave Massey (314) 966-6056

**STILL THE BEST VALUE EVENT EVER**

AGE GROUP	Friday Torchlight & Ceilidh	Saturday All Events	Both Days Combo Pass
General	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Family pass 2 adults + kids	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00

Under 5 is free and MHS members receive a \$2 discount.





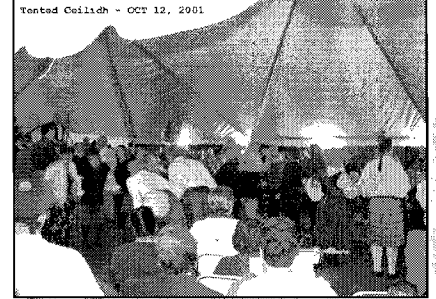
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## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

*Entertainment Tents and the History Museum  
Grand Hall.*

In addition to the greatest Ceilidh in the Midwest (Friday), and fabulous pipebands (all day long on Saturday), there is entertainment program lineup that would be rated a first-class show itself, in any theatre, anywhere in the world. Performances will be all day and include:



**Main stage:** Brian McNeill, John Taylor (fiddlers), Ed Miller (singer, folklorist) and Fiddle Workshop students

**Missouri Showcase Tent:** Alex Sutherland & His Cronies, Duddybreeks, and The Boatrights

**Clarsach Tent:** Ceol Alainn and guests, Alex Usher, Highland Mist Scottish Country Dancers, and Peat Fire Flame (folk band)

**History Museum Stage (Sat pm only):** Duddybreeks, Alex Usher, Jeff Campbell

## History and Storytelling:

**Jeffrey Smith** will appear as William Clarke.

**Archie and Ramona Mason** (Indian-Scottish links). Nationally recognized cultural Indian historian, with strong ties to Scotland.

**Jeff Campbell** (Gaelic Bard). Scottish history, culture, poems, and legends....

**MacFarlane Live Steel.** Renaissance theatre group that makes their own swords.



# The 3rd Games Opportunity

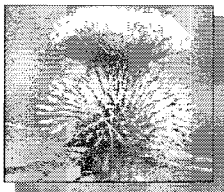
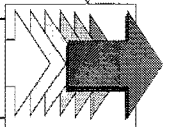
The purpose of this note is to enroll and mobilize more readers and extended family members in the following support opportunity areas:

- ◆ If you know you want to get involved in a hands-on way, or have thought about it, on the Friday and/or Saturday (or even during tear-down on Sunday!) and haven't yet signed up, send an Email to [volunteers@stlouis-scottishgames.com](mailto:volunteers@stlouis-scottishgames.com) or call Chris Fulton (314-962-1278). "Just do it!"
- ◆ If you haven't yet heard or seen how to sell some Program advertising space in your neighborhood, copy the Form enclosed with the Thistle Times as often as you need, follow the instructions and "just do it." If not that, then we have our beautiful Posters to distribute area-wide so call me at the Games (314-821-1286) to help with that.
- ◆ If you still have Friends of the Games information from the spring, I invite you to send the form in now with a check or pledge to secure the benefits & privileges for whatever level you choose. If you need another form, call me, or just send the check to PO Box 6811, Chesterfield, MO 63006 – we'll sort it out. If you're already a Friend and wish to give more – great! Or a referral to some other person or firm is always much appreciated, as is use of company gift matching programs.
- ◆ An emerging need is how to take advantage of in-kind gifts, by including a Raffle or Gate Prizes or whatever way the donors can be recognized. Needed are 2-4 people to design it now then organize and run it at the event. Here's an opportunity for a few friends to team together – "just do it!"
- ◆ Last, but by no means least, is the need for another 8-12 Society members to staff in shifts its Information tent at the Games in a promotional and effective manner. Just call Pat McRoberts (314-863-5362) or Chris Brennan (314-576-3280).

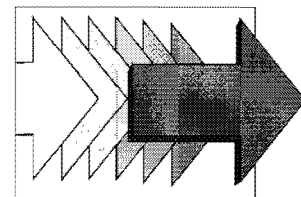
It must seem to many that we're always seeking help. We are - and when it's given, even more generously than to date, the success of "Our Mission" will be assured.

Thank you, Bill Nicoll (SLSG Managing Director).

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU MEET TO ATTEND THE GAMES.  
ENCLOSED ARE SOME GAMES FLIERS FOR DISTRIBUTION (more are available)**



**The DUES are DUE  
See enclosed form**



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

*Jim McLaren, 2214 Stoneridge Terrace Court, Chesterfield, MO 63017*

*or call (636) 532-5986, or e-mail: [mclaren@strathkirn.com](mailto:mclaren@strathkirn.com).*

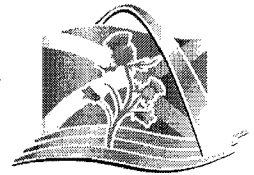
Website address is <http://www.inverizon.com/scotlink>

The St Andrew Society phone number is (636) 519 7979



**Aye! I wish to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival, Oct 10-11, in Forest Park (east of the History Museum) by advertising in the 2003 souvenir program.**

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**Send to:**

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Chesterfield, MO 63006

**If you have any questions please call:**

Mr. Kim Gordon (314) 313-7770 or  
Games phone (314) 821-1286

**or Email**

macmail@stlouis-scottishgames.com

**Ads must be paid for and received by:**

September 15, 2003 (Payment due with order)

**Specifications:**

- Mail camera-ready copy, diskette, CD or Zip (with return envelope & postage if return desired) or Email ad.
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