



# The Saltire

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Issue I



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### **Please Consider a Gift to Honor Those that Gave Their All** by Fraser Lang

Perhaps many of you have visited the **Scottish American Memorial**, or **Scots American War Memorial**, in [West Princes Street Gardens](#) in Edinburgh. It was called "The Call of 1914", and was erected in 1927. The memorial was given by [Scottish-Americans](#) to honor Scots who had served in the [first World War](#). It is well worth a visit.

But who knew that there was a memorial dedicated to Scottish Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country right here in Slater Park in Pawtucket? An effort is underway to renew this rare marker that recognizes the important contribution of Scottish Americans to the defense of our country. We need your help.

Following World War I, Clan Fraser established the memorial and it was later expanded to include the names of the fallen from World War II. As you may know, at the turn of the twentieth century, Pawtucket boasted the largest percentage of Scottish immigrants of any American community and that is most likely the reason for the placement. *(cont. on page 10)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BURNS SUPPER**  
FEBRUARY 4TH

**WHISKY TASTING**  
TBA



## STATE OF THE SOCIETY

We're pleased to report that the state of our Society is strong. Since the last issue of the Saltire, and as mentioned elsewhere on these pages, we have held a terrific Whisky Tasting, our Annual Tartan Bash, our annual Christmas Ceilidh and have participated in a (belated) St. Andrew's Day flag raising at the Pawtucket City Hall. Moreover, our 59<sup>th</sup> Burns Supper is on the horizon on February 4, 2023!

As discussed at the Bash, 2023 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island. We anticipate that it will be a memorable year, the culmination of which will be our biggest event ever. We will hold a **St. Andrew's Society 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. We're planning some extra-special entertainment and a few surprises as well. The event will be a celebration of you, our members, so we'll hope to see everyone there!

The Board voted to make our annual charitable contributions on behalf of the Society. Specifically, the Society will donate \$400 to the Folio Trust in Scotland and \$100 to McAuley Ministries here in Rhode Island. In addition, we are making another \$100 donation to the wonderful Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band. The Board reserved the option to make supplemental and/or additional donations after the first of the year. If anyone has any questions or suggestions regarding our annual charitable donations, we encourage you to contact any of the members of the Board, whose contact information is listed below.

Longtime member Fraser Lang and his brother Duncan are spearheading an effort to raise funds for the restoration of the Scottish-American war memorial in Pawtucket. The monument lists the name of the Scottish and Scottish American residents of Pawtucket killed in the two world wars. The monument is in disrepair and the cost of restoration is estimated to be \$3,000. Toward that end, Fraser has set up a GoFundMe page, and any and all contributions to this worthy cause will be much appreciated – click [here](#) for link.

Lastly, please keep an eye out for notice of membership renewal which you will receive at the beginning of February. As you know, the dues collected are used to support the organization and to defray the cost of various events for our members. Those who paid by Venmo last year will not receive a written notice but will receive an email reminder instead. Please consider this convenient option for dues payment since it helps to defray our mailing costs. Thank you.

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### ***Whisky Tasting 2022 – Scotland Forever***

At long last our Society was once again able to hold one of our favorite events, the annual Whisky Tasting. The event is typically held in April, but this year was held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Hall in Pawtucket before an eager and thirsty crowd. We are fortunate indeed to have the talents of Joe Muzzy to coordinate and conduct the event each year. Joe brings both enthusiasm and a breadth of knowledge (more importantly, Joe also brings the whiskys).

This year's theme was *Scotland Forever* and the selections didn't disappoint. The first half of the afternoon's program featured a wonderful Speyside offering; Cardhu Gold Reserve, as well as a pair of fine Highland whiskys. The Singleton 18 was well received as was the Royal Brackla 18, known as "the King's own whisky" since 1833 when King William IV granted Brackla a Royal charter after falling under its spell. A brief intermission featured fruits and cheeses to cleanse the palate as well as some marvelous piping courtesy of Jack MacLean. After the intermission the focus turned to Islay for our final three tastings. Joe provided information and insight as we tasted an Ardbeg An Oa, Port Charlotte 10 and then closed the program with a Laphroig Cairdeas. For those who prefer a peaty whisky, these three were winners all.



As always, our fabulous chef in residence, Donald Blais carefully paired each whisky with just the right complement, ranging from the sweet (a mini raspberry chocolate tartlet) to the savory (haggis puffs with whisky cream sauce). Well done, Donald! We'd be remiss without thanking those who assisted in pouring, serving, and presenting; Br. Enoch Valentine, Gail Kelleher, Jim Kelleher and the master pourer herself, Nancy Muzzy. In 2023 we plan to return the event to its familiar April scheduling and intend to limit it to 25 tasters. Given what a great time was had by all, you'd be wise to keep an eye out for next year's notice and to jump on those tickets when you can!



## 2022 Christmas Ceilidh

The Rhode Island St. Andrew's Society resumed its Annual Christmas Ceilidh after a three-year pause. The event was held December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Pawtucket. This new and more intimate location was the perfect place for the event as the hall offered a greater opportunity for fellowship while also providing ample room for dancing.



The event was co-chaired by Donald Blais and Br. Enoch Valentine, and began with a delicious buffet of food prepared by those who attended. Following, there was entertainment provided by members, as well as dancing. Throughout the evening, musical offerings were performed by Donald Blais, Jordan Cannady, Jim Kelleher and Enoch Valentine. The dances were wonderfully called by Kristen Howe.

The Ceilidh concluded with a raffle with gifts donated by the dance club; it was run by Gail Kelleher and Nancy Muzzy. As always, the night concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three cheers led by John MacLean. Many thanks to Joe Muzzy who kept the music flowing all night long, and to Michael Costello for his great photography work! Thanks also to everyone who attended and volunteered – until next year!





## ***St Andrew's Day Flag Raising*** by Jim Kelleher

Our Society was recently contacted and invited to participate in a wonderful St. Andrew's Day event: raising the Scottish flag at Pawtucket City Hall. It may come as a surprise to some of our readers that at one time the city of Pawtucket had the highest percentage of Scots and people of Scottish decent of any city in the United States. With a still sizeable population of Scottish Americans, Pawtucket was a natural choice to host such an event. The event was the brainchild of Patricia St. Germain, a proud Scottish American and now also a proud member of our St. Andrew's Society.

Pat reached out to me in the hope that we could supply a flag, an honor guard and a piper. Naturally we were able to do so and happy to oblige. The event was scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's Day, but Mother Nature decided otherwise. Pouring rain and howling winds forced a rescheduling to the following Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. As luck would have it December 7<sup>th</sup> brought more rain but rather than another postponement, it was decided to move the flag "raising" ceremony indoors (luckily Richmond Cargill was able to provide the proper size flag and staff on short notice).



Pat welcomed everyone and introduced Pawtucket Mayor Donald Grebman who welcomed us on behalf of the city. Pat then gave an address that spoke of her Scottish ancestors, their connection to Pawtucket and their new found Scottish community here in the United States. Her address was colorful, interesting and heartfelt. She then introduced our own Fraser Lang who spoke of the wonderful Scottish legacy in our state and in Pawtucket in particular. For those who have had occasion to hear him speak, it is always memorable. At the conclusion of the remarks, our wonderful Debbie Kane intoned Scotland the Brave as Richmond Cargill, myself and flag bearer Joe Muzzy brought

the Scottish flag to its place of honor. It is anticipated that this flag raising will be an annual St. Andrew's Day event, so mark your calendars!





## Members' Page



- **Welcome New Members!**

- Patricia and David St. Germain – December 11, 2022
- Mark & Teri MacKinnon – December 14, 2022
- Linda Eaton – December 14, 2022

- **Book Club Begins January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom**

Our winter selection is *And the Land Lay Still* by James Robertson. It is described as a portrait of modern Scotland as seen through the eyes of natives and immigrants, journalists and politicians, drop-outs and spooks, all trying to make their way through a country in the throes of great and rapid change. It is a moving, sweeping story of family, friendship, struggle and hope - epic in every sense. Please email [gailkr@verizon.net](mailto:gailkr@verizon.net) if you would like to join us. You may find the reading schedule at [www.sasri.co/book-club](http://www.sasri.co/book-club)

- **St. Andrew's Day Greeting – November 30, 2022**

The rose of all the world is not for me.

I want for my part

Only the white rose of Scotland

That smells sharp and sweet -

and breaks the heart.

Hugh MacDiarmid 1892-1978 Scottish poet and nationalist

- **Reminder:** When a society member passes away please notify either: Joe Muzzy, (jfmuzzy@aol.com) or Gail Kelleher, (kellehergail@gmail.com )
- **Scottish Dancing Resumes!** - Come practice for the Burns Supper. Click [here](#) for latest dates/times.
- **Our photo gallery has been updated** with pictures from our 2022 events – click [here](#) to view, and hover on 'picture gallery' for the drop-down menu.
- **Member Nicholas Brown's son** (living in London) shared a short video of this year's Remembrance Day parade honoring armed forces members who have died in the line of duty, a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919. It is a day for wearing a paper poppy to recall the poppies of Flanders Fields in WW I. Click [here](#) to view the video – thanks for sharing Nick!



## St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island, Inc. – 2022 Annual Report

<b>Operating Account - October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022</b>					
		Beginning Balance October 1, 2021		Beg.	\$ 13,159.42
		Total Deposits for This Period		\$ 6,996.04	
		Total Disbursements		\$ 13,426.74	
		Ending Balance September 30, 2022		End	\$ 6,728.72
					liquid
<b>Tartan Account - October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2022</b>					
		Beginning Balance October 1, 2021		Beg.	\$ 4,746.91
		Total Deposits Plus Interest		\$ 590.00	
		Total Disbursements		\$ -	
		Ending Balance September 30, 2022		End	\$ 5,336.91
					liquid
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>					\$ 20,394.82
<b>comes due at end of July 2023</b>					
		#7700	Operating	\$8,440.63	\$ 244.52
		#7710	Tartan	\$8,440.63	\$ 244.52
		#7720	Charitable	\$3,513.56	\$ 101.78
					\$ 590.82
<b>Total Assets as of September 30, 2022</b>					\$ 32,460.45

### Notice of Annual Meeting

The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island cordially invites you to join us on March 13th for our Annual Meeting and the election of two members to our Board of Directors.

**When:** 1:15 PM on March 13, 2023 at 88 Boxwood Street, Cranston, RI. Please note location will be confirmed upon final tally of attendees.

**Agenda:** A vote will be conducted at the Annual Meeting to elect two persons to the membership of the Board of Directors for a period of five years.

**Current Nominees:** John MacLean and Richmond Cargill

**Nominating Candidates:** If any member wishes to nominate additional candidates, please email the name/s to Cathy Poirier at [cath251@hotmail.com](mailto:cath251@hotmail.com) no later than February 10, 2023.

**RSVP Instructions:** If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please RSVP to Cathy Poirier by February 10, 2023.

**Voting Instructions:** By February 28th the final list of candidates for the two positions on the Board of Directors will be posted to the Membership Page of the SASRI website. Voting will be done in-person at the meeting on March 13th, but you may send a proxy to vote on your behalf if you are unable to join us. If you intend to send a proxy, please notify Cathy Poirier no later than February 28.

## 2022 Tartan Bash

It may have been a new location, but there were many familiar faces at this year's Bash. The Banquet Room at Chelo's was a lovely venue to hold the dinner dance! I think we can agree that the food was plentiful and delicious, the staff was welcoming, and the night was a success.

BJ Whitehouse did a fantastic job as usually calling the dances, and many lovely gifts were raffled off as the end of the evening neared. Congratulations to Debbie Kane – she won the liquor basket and put on a memorable show as she whooped, jumped and skipped her way up to the table! It was an enthusiastic ending to a memorable evening.



If you missed this year's Bash, remember that it will not be held in 2023 – but there will be a St. Andrew's Society 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in its place. See details in State of the Society in this issue – more information to follow as the year progresses.



## ***A Fine Day for the Scotland CT Highland Games*** by Gail Kelleher

It was a crisp 32 degrees at 8:00 a.m. as Leo Kennedy began setting up his booth for the Highland Festival in Scotland, CT. By the time we encountered him, the weather had warmed up, the sun was shining, and large crowds were milling around the fairgrounds thoroughly enjoying the day.

As we entered the gates, music was playing under a large tent filled with people. Charlie Zahn, Tad Marks and North Sea Gas performed throughout the afternoon. Those that did not get a seat in the tent set up their chairs, stood, or sat on the ground to enjoy the music (occasionally dodging the fruit of black walnut trees as they rocketed to the ground).

For those in need of retail therapy, many vendors attended the event with goods to meet all your Highland needs. Several food vendors were kept busy throughout the afternoon, and the athletic competitions were well attended. It was easy to know when a well-tossed caber hit the ground by the cheers of the crowd! All in all, a delightful day.

SASRI is looking into setting up a booth at the Scotland CT 2023 games – stay tuned for more information!



*Leo Kennedy & Rod Fraser*



**(Cont. from Page 1)** Now the City of Pawtucket has requested assistance in the restoration of the cement marker in Slater Park. There are a total of eleven men memorialized with separate plaques - three from World War I and nine from World War II. Clan Fraser was a sister organization to the Saint Andrew's Society that boasted over three hundred members in the early part of the last century. I can find no record of how the Clan Fraser funded the monument, but I would imagine that it was through an appeal to the membership. That effort took a real commitment on the part of the local Scottish American community to realize its goal. In all my travels and my web research I can identify no similar monument of a community's recognition of those of our kinsman who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The cost to restore the cement base and place a granite top bearing the two plaques is only \$3,500. The monument is placed in a prominent place opposite the Carousel in a wonderfully restored Slater Park. We are a third of the way towards our goal with \$1,200 raised to date. Pawtucket is no longer the center of a robust Scottish American population. But it boasts one of the exceedingly rare tributes to our kinsman. Recall the words of Robert Burns:

*Lay the proud usurpers low!  
Tyrants fall in every foe!  
Liberty's in every blow!—  
Let us do or die!*

And now please join in honoring those brave men and reminding people of the enormous contribution that those with Scottish blood made to this country. They are:

#### **World War I**

George M. Ross, Hammersmith Farm, Newport  
Robert Johnston, 9 Hill Avenue, Pawtucket  
James Sargeant, 59 Algonquin Street, Providence

#### **World War II**

David M. Jeffrey, 845 Smithfield Avenue, Saylesville  
James M. Jeffrey, 845 Smithfield Avenue, Saylesville  
J. Glenn Ferguson, 824 Broad Street, Central Falls  
David G. Clelland, 334 Weeden Street, Pawtucket  
William S. Gemmell, Providence  
N. Grant Logan, Suffolk County, MA  
Robert Perry, Jr., 158 Oriole Avenue, Pawtucket  
Gordon G. Ross, 181 West Forest Avenue, Pawtucket  
William E. Salisbury, 8 Greystone Avenue, N. Providence



Make your contribution at: [www.gofundme.com/f/help-restore-a-scottish-american-war-memorial](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-restore-a-scottish-american-war-memorial). Or, you may mail a check payable to SASRI, PO Box 20568, Cranston, RI 02920 (include "Memorial" in memo section of check). Thank you for your generosity!



## *Let's Spread the Word about Our Society!* By Gail Kelleher

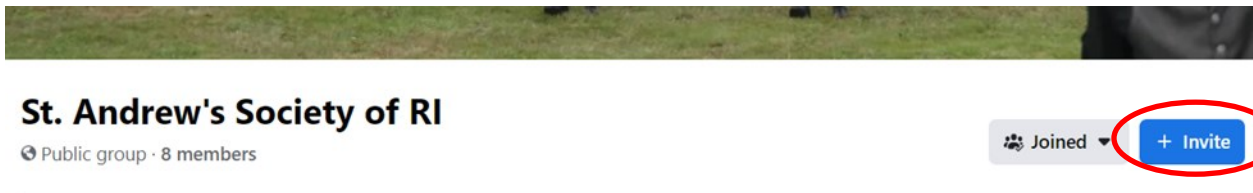
On September 15<sup>th</sup> Jim and I spent the day at the Waterfire Center promoting the St. Andrew's Society along with many other cultural organizations. The event was the RI 44<sup>th</sup> Heritage Festival sponsored by the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. We truly enjoyed the day - great performances, interesting cultures to learn about, and a fashion show which included the Highland attire of one of its members!

We were both struck by the fact that our Society was not known by anyone who approached our table. Several persons of Scottish ancestry stopped by and stated they never heard of SASRI, but many more people assumed we were either a religious group, or that we were representing the tony prep school in Barrington by the same name. SASRI it seems has a name recognition problem.

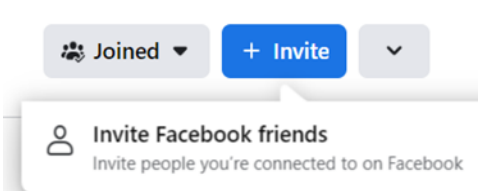
### Here's How You Can Help

Many of you have social media accounts like Facebook. Have you ever been asked to like or join a page? If you answer yes, posts made to the page will appear on your Facebook feed. Inviting friends to join our group is an easy and unobtrusive way to spread the word about SASRI. Here's how to do it:

- Go to the St. Andrew's Society of RI Facebook page
- At the top of the page, click the **Invite** button



- Click invite Facebook Friends



- Now you may choose any (or all) of your friends by checking the box to the right of their names. When you finish making your selections, click the **Send Invites** button in the lower right corner\*. An invitation to join the SASRI Facebook page will be sent; your friends can either accept or decline. If they accept, posts made to the SASRI Facebook page will appear on their feed. If the invitation is declined, your friends will not be bothered again.

\*Note - If you are doing this on your phone, the invitations will be sent automatically.

Asking your friends to join the SASRI Facebook page is an easy way to get our name and purpose out there in the community. Please consider inviting your friends to join our Facebook page to spread the word about the St. Andrew's Society!



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## Calling all Scots and Scots at Heart!

It's Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Celebrate the Next 100 Years of  
Scottish Heritage & Culture with the St. Andrew's Society of  
Rhode Island

Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 5:30 PM

Crowne Plaza – Warwick RI

For more information visit our website at

www.sasri.co or email

standrewssociety1923@gmail.com

Lang May Yer Lum Reek!



### SAVE THE DATE!

As most of you know by now, the St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island turns 100 this year! This year-long celebration will culminate in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick on October 22. This will be a grand opportunity to celebrate our Society with old friends and new, Scots and Scots at heart alike. We're hoping for a terrific turn out so please save the date and plan on joining us. We'll have plenty of room for you to invite your family, friends and neighbors. Save the date and spread the word!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

WHISKY TASTING  
MAY 7TH

ONLINE GENEALOGY  
MAY TBD

MARCHING  
GASPEE DAY  
PARADE  
JUNE 10TH

TARTAN PICNIC  
AUGUST 26TH



## STATE OF THE SOCIETY

As we reach the Spring of our centennial year, the state of our Society is strong. Since the January Saltire, we held our 59<sup>th</sup> Burns Supper on February 4<sup>th</sup>. A fine time was had by all, as more fully described in the article on Page --3. Next on the horizon is our annual Whisky Tasting on May 7. This year's selections are terrific and **seating will be limited**, so be sure to sign up as soon as you can.

Our annual meeting, as required by our by-laws, was held on March 8. Two Boards seats were up for election and both John MacLean and Richmond Cargill were re-elected to new five-year terms. John was re-elected as Chairman. Two additional seats will be up for election next March so please keep that in mind if you have any interest in joining the Board and helping to determine the direction of our beloved Society.

In an effort to make our centennial year truly special, the Anniversary Committee has been busy. We orchestrated a first ever curling event on March 12 (see the article on Page 10). Up next, our flashmob crew is preparing to descend on some unsuspecting folks in to celebrate Tartan Day on April 6. Keep an eye out for information regarding a free online genealogy event to be held in May.

In June, we're hoping to represent our Society by marching in the Gaspee Day parade. You should have already received an email with the details, and if you haven't already responded please do so right away since registration deadline is April 15. As stated, the parade is held Saturday morning, June 10 and takes about two hours. A kilt, kilted skirt or clan sash is required. If interested, please contact Board member Jim Kelleher whose email and phone number are listed below.

A big thank you to all who paid the annual dues during the month of March. If you've forgotten to do so, no worries. Kindly send in your dues in the envelope previously provided or take advantage of the Venmo option. If you have any questions or concerns regarding dues payment, you can contact Jim Kelleher for those as well.

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## Burns Supper 2023

On the coldest day in Rhode Island’s history, 228 revelers gathered at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet to celebrate the 264<sup>th</sup> birthday of Robert Burns. As our Master of Ceremonies quipped, “there is no discreet way to wear long johns under a kilt!” Member Roberta Mudge Humble delivered the Immortal Memory, complete with audience participation which was very well received by all. Music was provided by the Irish Express and our own RI Highlander Pipe Band entertained us, including piping in the first dance, The Gay Gordons. The evening ended with the raffle drawings – congratulations to Lesley Lederer on winning the Scottish liquor basket – and the singing of Auld Lang Syne. See everyone in 2024!





## Traveling along Scotland's West Coast by Karen & Scott Sibley

The kilts were out, pubs overflowing and fans hooting in Glasgow..... It seemed the revelry over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had taken hold..... But NO..... the song and cheers were for the football match against Ukraine to secure rights to go on to the finals! The colors of the Saltire were out in force to cheer their side and the pubs poured out lively song. (Alas, the Scots ceded defeat in a 1 – 3 match.)

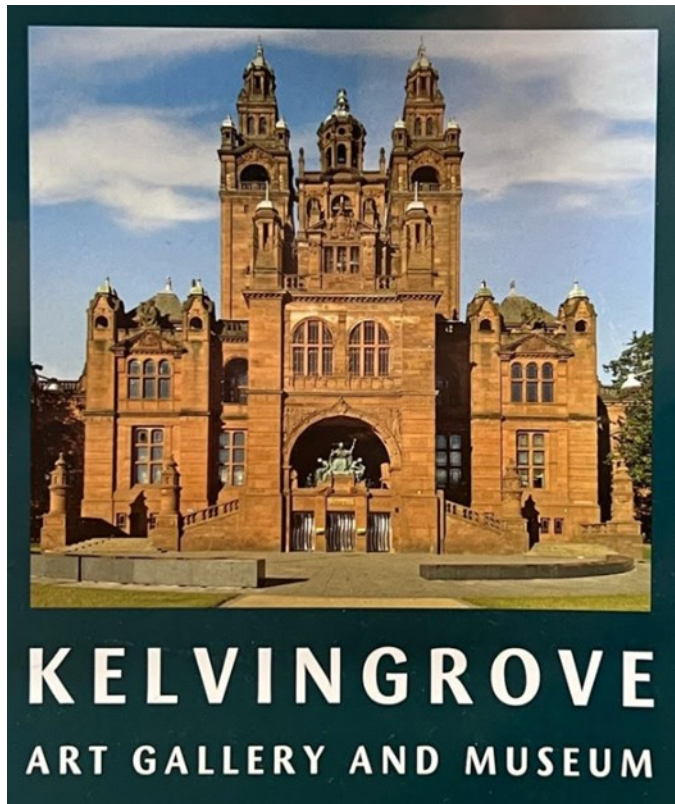


Glasgow Street Art

We began our journey in Glasgow but quickly opted for the island breezes. The train to Wemyss Bay brought us to the beautiful Victorian terminal to meet the [Caledonian MacBrayne](#) ferry to the [Isle of Bute](#) to visit relatives and enjoy a stay in a lovely seaside “self-catered” cottage where we could warm our own haggis and sausages from [MacQueen's Butcher Shop](#) in Rothesay.

We highly recommend the island bus tour, a visit to [Mount Stuart House](#) complete with walks through the gardens and along the extensive shoreline there. The Glenburn Hotel also has wonderful views of the harbor and excellent service in the dining room. <https://bespokehotels.com/glenburn-hotel>

Returning to Glasgow, the [Kelvingrove Museum](#) set us off on a wonderful start to a voyage along the west coast and islands. The museum, free to all visitors, holds a large art collection, and excellent displays of Scottish history, furniture, artifacts and more. We enjoyed an organ recital the day we visited. Walks along the Clyde and across beautiful bridges are a pleasure as well.



Our small cruise ship took us first to Fort William where we watched the [Hogwarts Express](#) cross the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct and visited the monument to Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite Highlanders.

Next was the Kyle of Lochalsh on the Isle of Skye where a young kilted piper welcomed us ashore for a visit to [Eileen Donan](#) Castle and hauntingly beautiful Glenceoe.





Up the coast further we docked in Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands to visit [St. Magnus Cathedral](#) and learn about the many Viking connections in Scotland's history. Neolithic archeology expert [Nick Card](#) provided background on the [Ness of Brodgar](#), dating from 3200 BC, and accompanied us to the Ring of Brodgar which was built before Stonehenge. A windy visit to the active UNESCO archeological site of [Skara Brae](#) brought the challenges and accomplishments of the early island peoples to light.

Our final Scottish dock was Lerwick, Isle of Skye before a night crossing of the rather choppy North Sea. Many references to the popular detective series "Shetland" dotted this visit as well as a number of Shetland pony and sheep siting's, the beautiful green fields and ocean vistas and a visit to 5,000 year old [Jarlshof](#) ruins.



And amazingly, we enjoyed blue skies and not a rainy day to deter time on deck or walks in the glens! The warmth of the people and of course the Scotch tastings topped off a wonderful vacation.

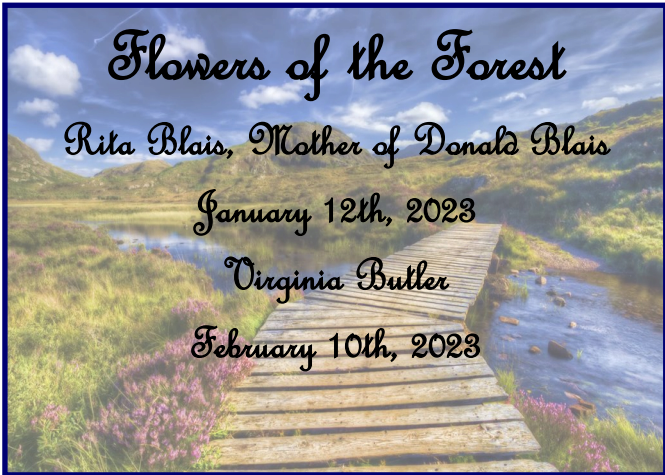
Isle of Bute Cathedral (below); Karen and Scott Sibley (right).







# Members' Page



### FAIR FA' YOUR HONEST, SONSIE FACE...

Rod and Angela Fraser could not be with us at the Burns Supper, but Rod made us proud by delivering the Address to a Haggis at the Scottish-American Society of Southeast Florida's Burns Supper.



### With Gratitude

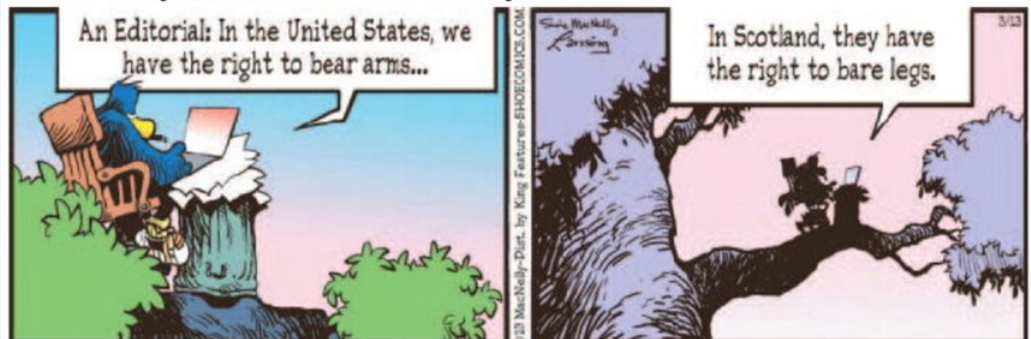
Many thanks to Robert Mudge Humble and Audrey MacLeod-Pfeiffer for their contributions to defray the costs of this year's membership renewal mailing. We very much appreciate it!

Reminder: When a society member passes away please notify either: Joe Muzzy, (jfmuzzy@aol.com) or Gail Kelleher, (kellehergail@gmail.com)

### Congratulations Wendy!

Congratulations to Wendy Halstead for her recognition as winner of the 2022 Nancy & J. Whitney Bancroft Long Term Service Award by the South County Habitat for Humanity RI

### SHOE Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly





Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band  
Celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year  
1948 – 2023 by Debbie Kane



The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band was formed after World War II, in 1948, primarily by returning veterans who were dedicated to preserving and performing the traditional music of Scotland and Ireland. The Band has continued to pursue this goal in subsequent years. We pride ourselves in the music we present and have become particularly active in teaching young students and adults so that the art of playing music on bagpipes and drums can be passed on correctly to new generations.

Three of the past influential Pipe Majors who helped shape the Band were John Everett MacLean, Alexander R. Glenn and B. John Sullivan.

During the early years, under the direction of P/M John Everett MacLean, the band toured the competition circuit with great success winning not only in the US but in Canada. In the middle years, with younger people becoming involved, the Band, under the guidance and direction of P/M Alexander R. Glen, provided a place for music primarily focusing on the recreational venue playing at parades and other events. The Band, under the direction of P/M B. John Sullivan, worked with the musicians to transform it from a recreational unit into a competitive Pipe Band of distinction with many awards and trophies to its credit.

The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band is currently under the direction of P/M Debbie Kane. Debbie has a degree in music education and learned to play bagpipes in this band. She has played continuously with the Rhode Island Highlanders since 1977 and has been serving as Pipe Major since 2005. Under her direction the Band has continued to grow in membership and to achieve success in the competition arena in both Gr. 5 and Gr. 4. Assisting in leadership are Pipe Sgt. Peter Gordon and Drum Sgt. Brad Livingston.

The band currently has a membership of 20 pipers and 16 drummers, and a growing number of students in both piping and drumming. The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band is a member of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA).

In 2007 the Band was awarded the highest honor in winning the Gr. 5 overall champion in the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association. The Band was upgraded to Gr. 4 in 2008. We are continuing to place and win at various Highland Games throughout New England and New York. Currently, we are presenting two competition level groups within the Band, Gr. 5 and Gr. 4, The entire band, including both competitive groups, participate in all other non-competitive performances such as parades and other special events.

We are anticipating a very successful upcoming year with our parade and event performances in addition to our exciting full competition season with both Gr. 5 and Gr. 4 groups as we celebrate 2023 and our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year.



As a band, we work together to achieve our goals which are: to proudly come together to play Pipe Band music competitively to the best of our ability to participate and enjoy the thrill of playing at Highland Games not only as soloists but also in the Band environment; to offer our musical services to the community in the form of parades and events; to continue to improve, grow and teach the musical art of Piping and Drumming; to enjoy and share our music and our friendship.

We always welcome visitors at any practice to come in and enjoy our rehearsal. We also invite and pipers or drummers who are interested in joining the Band to come in and experience our structured practice. General information, band practice schedules, and information regarding joining or hiring the band can be found at <http://rihighlanders.org>, or checkout our other social media links: Facebook.com/RIHighlanders, and Instagram@rhode\_island\_highlanders.



## Curling at the Jealous Monk by Jim Kelleher

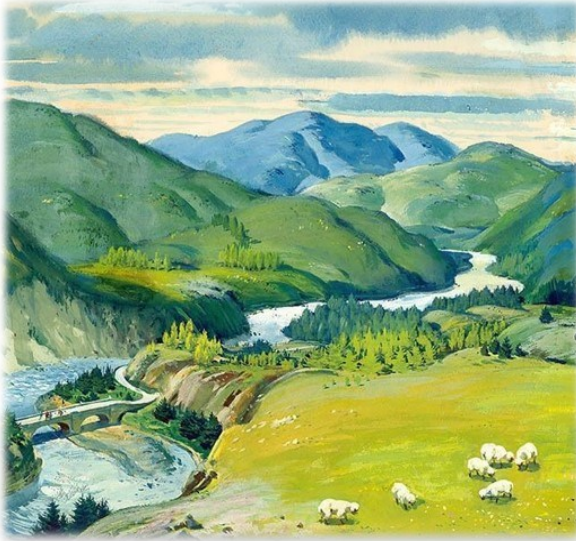
On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, our Society hosted its first ever curling event. The event was held at the Jealous Monk in Mystic, Connecticut and it turned out to be a fine time. We had the exclusive use of their beer garden for two hours which was more than enough time to hone our skills while enjoying the delicious appetizers and sampling a craft beer (or two). As you may recall, our original date of March 5 was cancelled due to rain. Some of our gang had already set sail when the cancellation took place so they forged ahead that day undaunted. Turns out the weather broke and the small but hearty group had a grand time on their own. According to all reports, Dianne Wilkin was the undisputed curling master of the day.



For those who are unaware, curling originated in Scotland and is now played in numerous countries as well as being a staple of the Winter Olympics. We competed in teams of four, and our grand prize winners (the only prize was the bragging rights) were Sharon Randall, Nancy Muzzy, Joe Muzzy and Richmond Cargill. The best throw of the day came courtesy of Nancy Muzzy, whereas the less said about Jim Kelleher's first throw the better. It was all in good fun and those in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time.



# From River to Sea



*The SASRI Tasting Team Will Explore New, Unique, and Very Special Whisky Offerings*

*Complete With Food Pairings*

*Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at 3PM*

*Saint Luke's Church, Pawtucket, Rhode Island*

*Limited to **25** Paid Tasters*

*Taster - \$50 per person (Non-member \$55)*

*Non-taster - \$25 per person (Non-member \$30)*

*To secure your reservation please be prompt and make your check payable to*

*St. Andrews Society of R.I. and mail to:*

*Joseph Muzzy, 66 Everill Street, Warwick, R.I. 02889*

*To avoid any delays or errors in registering - please provide a return address, telephone number and or email address with your payment so we may promptly notify you if the tasting is full when your reservation is received.*

*Directions - Saint Luke's Church, 670 Weeden Street, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860*

*Contact Joe Muzzy 465-5050 or Enoch John Valentine 440-4784 for assistance.*





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*You Are Cordially Invited to Attend...*



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St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island 100th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 5:30-11:00 PM

Crowne Plaza – 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI

Cocktail hour followed by dinner, Ceilidh dancing and entertainment by:

Two-time Grammy-winning storyteller Bill Harley

Scotland's own Jim and Susie Malcolm

A contingent of the RI Highlanders Pipe Band

Calling of the Clans

Raffle, Door Prizes and More

See page two for additional information!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OCTOBER 22

KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN  
NOVEMBER 12TH

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH  
DECEMBER 2TH



## STATE OF THE SOCIETY

### IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!!

After a year of planning and preparation and without further ado, ladies and gentlemen, it's time for our 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! Our celebration will be held on Sunday, October 22 starting with a cocktail hour at 5:30 and continuing on through the evening until 11:00. It will be a terrific evening featuring two-time Grammy winning storyteller Bill Harley and Scotland's own Jim Malcolm. We'll have piping performances, Ceilidh dancing, a calling of the clans and, of course, plenty of haggis and whisky.

What we need to make this evening truly memorable is YOU, our members. Our centennial year's activities, culminating with the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Crowne Plaza event, have been a celebration of our Society and its members. Our goal is for each and every one of our members to come and have fun and, perhaps, to help us spread the word.

We love our Society and the wonderful work it does to keep the flame of Scottish culture glowing, and this October 22<sup>nd</sup> event is the perfect time to show it off to your friends and neighbors. As you know, our Society is open not only to Scots but to Scots at heart as well. While all cultures have interesting things to offer, there is simply something special about the Scottish culture that sets it apart. Your family, friends and neighbors will no doubt be in thrall at the skirl of the pipes, the kilts, the calling of the clans and the rest of the pomp and circumstance that will make this gathering so memorable. When buying your tickets, please consider making this a family event or a neighborhood event. A little bagpiping and a dram o' whisky and they'll be hooked!

Invitations have been mailed! Please RSVP quickly to receive the lowest ticket cost, either by mail or on-line via this [link](#). Or you may visit our webpage at [www.sasri.co/upcoming-events](http://www.sasri.co/upcoming-events). We are looking forward to seeing you all on this very special occasion!

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## Whisky Tasting 2023 – From River to Sea

Spring is wonderful for many reasons, but surely one is the annual Whisky Tasting. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, fifty-three participants gathered at St. Luke's Episcopal Church hall for a grand afternoon of food, friends, and some fabulous whiskys.

Our afternoon began with a Cragellachie 13, a sweet but slightly smoky Speyside offering. This was followed by a pair of Highland whiskys. We sampled a Glengoyne 12, a bit of a fruity palate with a long lingering finish. The first half of the program closed with a marvelous Aberfeldy 12, a Highland noted for its bright, sweet and silky notes. During our intermission we were treated to wonderful piping, courtesy of Jack MacLean.

Our program then continued with three excellent offerings from Islay. Bunnahabhain 12 provided an earthy, spicy taste with a long fruity finish. We followed that with Kilchoman Machir Bay, a warm and zesty surprise. Despite the absence of an age statement, it was clear that this was a mature and complex dram. We concluded the day's offerings with a Lagavulin 11 Offerman, the most-peaty of all of the day's whiskys and a real winner. As always, our resident chef, Donald Blais, out did himself with perfect pairing ranging from sweet to savory. Each was a gem and enhanced the experience immensely. Kudos to Donald!

In addition to our invaluable whisky guru, Joe Muzzy, the Whisky Tasting was made possible by the assistance of Enoch Valentine, Gail Kelleher, Jim Kelleher and the queen of the perfect pour, Nancy Muzzy.



## Congratulations to the RI Highlanders Pipe Band!



The Rhode Island Highlanders Gr. 4 and Gr. 5 competed August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Maine Highland Games at Thomas Point Beach Park in Brunswick, ME.

Gr. 4 band (the higher-grade group) played in both events, MSR (march, strathspey, reel) and the Medley which consisted of 6 tunes, and swept 1st place in both events, and Gr. 5 band placed third! The Band is looking forward to its next competition in Altamont.

## It's Time to Make the Haggis!

There's an old axiom that says you never want to know "how the sausage gets made," meaning that some of the most delicious, beautiful or beneficial things are made from unsavory components and can be a nasty mess to produce. Au contraire! Chef Donald Blais and Br. Enoch Valentine were filmed preparing haggis, and it was a beautiful thing!

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee had been brainstorming different ideas to promote our Society, and Jim Kelleher thought that a haggis making event might be something just different enough for the *Providence Journal* to be interested in. And were they ever! Many thanks to Katie Landeck for an interesting article and for promoting our 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration. You can read the article [here](#), but please take a moment to check out the new [haggis page](#) on our website. Not only is the video posted there, but also a step-by-step haggis recipe and a few wonderful dishes to make.



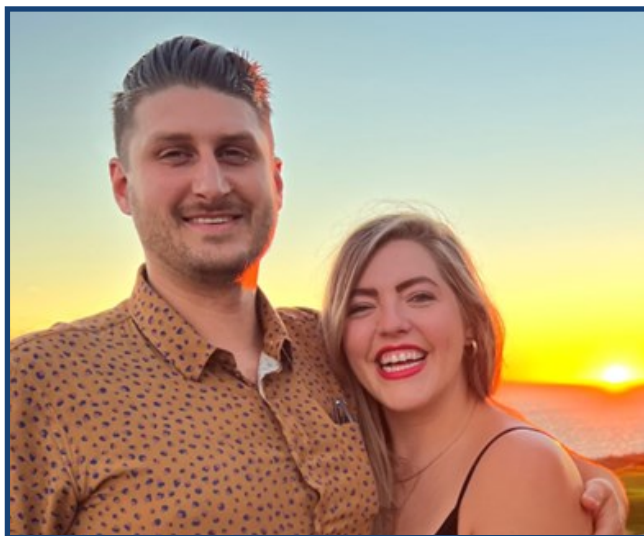
## Voices Over the Water Screening

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the RI International Film Festival screening of this film on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Director Jane Ferguson extends her warmest thank you for attending, and making the screening a special event!





# Members' Page



The Kellehers celebrated a wedding! Meet Will & Emily Curry-Kelleher



Our [Tartan Day Flash Mob!](#) Many thanks to Patti Pereira for choreographing The Skye Boat Song, performed April 6th at the Providence Train Station.

Left to right: Barbara Rickert, Denice Mitchell, Patti Pereira, Richmond Cargill, Jim & Gail Kelleher and Artena Fairbairn.



Congratulations to Bill Morrison and member Irene Clark McLaughlin on their engagement!

Members, new content has been added to our website! There is a separate page devoted to Haggis which includes links to the haggis-making interview, video and recipes. There is also a Find Your Clan link located under the Membership tab. You can access the Haggis and Membership tabs by clicking any of the five categories located on the front page of the website at [www.sasri.co](http://www.sasri.co)

## Reminders

When a society member passes, please notify or in the event of a change of address please notify either:

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Gail Kelleher, email [kellehergail@gmail.com](mailto:kellehergail@gmail.com)

## A Vacation in Newfoundland with Some Scottish Connections by John Topping

*SASRI long time members John and Fran Topping recently took a vacation in Newfoundland, Canada from Rhode Island. They drove to North Sidney in Nova Scotia to take the 7-hour day-time ferry.*

Our first surprise in entering Nova Scotia was to see that their provincial flag was a Saltire. Our second surprise was related to the easternmost end of Nova Scotia: a beautiful area called Cape Breton around which goes the world-famous Cabot Trail. If this is not on your list of places to go it should be. Not only is it stunningly beautiful it has its own tartan.

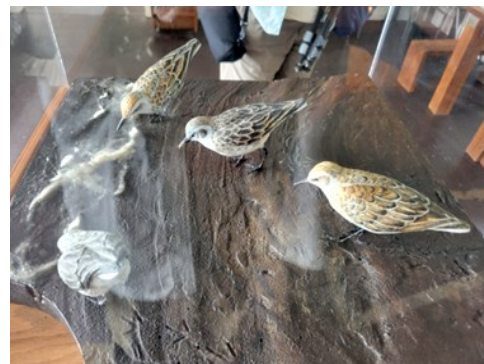


When we did get to Newfoundland, we found that it has a tartan also:



You may remember from your school geography classes that Newfoundland is a large island off the east coast of Canada. It is about 50% larger than Scotland so in the 2 weeks that we were there we just toured the western half.

From Rhode Island we drove through Maine and into New Brunswick where we stopped at the Bay of Fundy to see the many thousands of shorebirds (particularly sandpipers) that stop there to "refuel" during migration. When we were there the nature people there estimated that there were 50,000 of them ... amazing to see!





We arrived in Newfoundland and spent the night at a town called Port aux Basques. There is quite a French influence there from the early settlers being both English and French. The next day we visited a lovely coastal nature preserve called the Codroy Valley where we hiked a beach trail, then viewed a nice old lighthouse at Cape Anguille, then we drove further north to a nice old inn called the Glyn Mills Inn.

We drove further north to a nice small coastal town called Corner Brook where we stayed at another nice old inn. Then further north to a town called Rocky Harbour where we stayed 4 nights in a very nice holiday cottage/cabin. From there, we visited a large nearby National Park called Gros Morne that included an inland freshwater fjord. We took a 2-hour boat tour up and back; very scenic. Fran saw a quick glimpse of a black bear but I missed it. Another day we visited an interpretive center on the geology of the park, very interesting as the study of this had influenced the development of the theory of tectonic plates and their movements in continental drift. A visit to a museum of wildlife ended the day.



Driving further north, we stopped by a rock formation on the beach of a series of rock arches ... and shortly after that we saw a moose by the roadside. Then onto our next nice cabin at the very top of the peninsula at a very small town called Raleigh. Near to there was a nature preserve called Burnt Cape. It is a limestone "barrens", very rocky, but somehow small flowering plants manage to grow there which were of great interest to Fran. Nearby is a model of a Viking settlement on the site where archaeological excavations have yielded quite a number of Viking artifacts. It is thought that this was the first place in North America discovered by Europeans. There was also a museum to the memory of an English doctor (Dr. Wilfred Grenfell) who spent his career providing healthcare to the fishermen and their families in the 1890's and early 1900's. He was knighted for his efforts and successes. Finally, from the northernmost tip we saw on the far horizon three icebergs floating south from calving off the Greenland ice shield.

Our last stop was a small town called Twillingate on an island where there is more very beautiful coastal scenery, again another very nice cabin to stay in. Then back the way that we came ... all in all a fantastic holiday. Cheers!

## Kilts and Cornhole!

What a perfect day for our annual picnic – the weather cooperated, the food was delicious and looking at the happy faces of our members and guests, the day was a resounding success! Many thanks to Rod Fraser and Chuck MacCaibe for putting together an extra special event for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and Michael Moore for use of his Cornhole game. Kilts and Cornhole was the theme of the day – competition was fierce as teams competed for prizes. The first-place team was Rod Fraser & Chuck MacCaibe, winner of a \$75 gift certificate to Marchetti's Restaurant. Second place went to Ken & Jen Ferguson, who received a \$25 gift certificate.

Jordan Cannady brought his guitar and played under the pavilion for our entertainment. And it was a lovely surprise to have Glenn Fairbairn and Steve Venuti take their turn with the guitar with an impromptu singalong! Another highlight (unusual, but you had to be there) was a dessert brought by Clay & Beth Berry. Clay and Beth read our haggis article in the Providence Journal this week and decided to check us out. Long story short, Beth brought a delicious "apple dessert" – the recipe is included at the end of this article, including the surprise ingredient! We also welcomed the Ferguson family (Ken, Jen & Aunt Judy) who sent an inquiry about the Society through the website (fine cornhole players all!) We look forward to seeing the Berrys and the Fergusons at future events.

Special thanks to Michael Costello for taking so many photographs throughout the day. You can see his pictures in the [photo gallery](#) at [www.sasri.co](http://www.sasri.co)

Finally, many thanks to all our members for bringing food to support the pantry at the VA Hospital in Providence. Rod and Chuck will don their kilts and deliver the canned goods this week.

### "Not Apple" Dessert

<p><b>CRUST &amp; TOPPING:</b>            4 cups all-purpose flour            2 cups sugar            1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon            1/2 teaspoon salt            1-1/2 cups cold butter or margarine</p>	<p><b>FILLING:</b>            8 to 10 cups cubed seeded peeled zucchini            (4 to 5 pounds)            2/3 cup lemon juice            1 cup sugar            1 teaspoon ground cinnamon            1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg</p>
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In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly; reserve 3 cups.

Pat remaining crumb mixture into the bottom of a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Bake at 375° for 12 minutes. Meanwhile, for filling, place zucchini and lemon juice in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 6-8 minutes or until zucchini is crisp-tender.

Stir in sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; cover and simmer for 5 minutes (mixture will be thin). Spoon over crust; sprinkle with the reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until golden.

Yield: 16-20 servings. [Zucchini Dessert Squares]





Exciting News! We are thrilled to share that we had the incredible opportunity to join Mary & Blake on the renowned Outlander Cast podcast! Patti Pereira and Jim Kelleher were recently invited to appear on the podcast. Their conversation touched on the history of the Society, its membership, who we are and what we do.

The podcast delves deep into the rich tapestry of Scottish culture and history, exploring the captivating world of kilts, clans, and castles. But that's not all! Patti and Jim also had the privilege to discuss our upcoming event that's close to our hearts – the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island! A century of preserving heritage, fostering connections, and cherishing the Scottish spirit. SASRI can't wait to honor this remarkable milestone with all of you.

Listen to the podcast by any of the links below as Blake & Mary share more insights from the podcast conversation and exciting details about the upcoming RI St. Andrews Society event. Get ready to immerse yourself in Scottish traditions, indulge in delectable cuisine, and dance the night away in true Cèilidh style! Join us as we pay homage to the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future of Scottish heritage.

Slàinte mhath!

**Apple Podcasts:**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/outlander-cast-the-outlander-podcast-with-mary-blake/id907466068?i=1000625765602>

**YouTube:**

<https://youtu.be/j3A5dfr4fqw?si=449cnW86TZbAUuhn>

**Outlander Cast website:** <https://maryandblake.com/podcast/outlander-cast-scottish-culture-and-the-st-andrews-society-of-ri-100th-anniversary-celebration-feat-patti-perreira-and-jim-kelleher>



Kilt and Cornhole Pics – Goddard Park – August 26<sup>th</sup>



Check out more photos at <https://sasri.co/kilts-and-cornhole-2023>