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Issue I

Tartan Bash 2021



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After what seemed like an eternity, our members were *finally* able to reunite and hoist a dram together! The 2021 Tartan Bash was held on Sunday, October 24th at the recently renovated Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. While we were sorry to see the Bash's prior venue (The Shriners' Imperial Room) close permanently, the event has found a new home in the same historic location at which our annual Burns Supper has been held for many a year.

And what an event it was. The turnout, eighty strong, was the same as the pre-Covid 2019 Bash. In addition to the change of venue, our food was provided this time by Ralph's Catering and was fine indeed according to all reports. Debbie Kane piped in the honor guard bearing the "Great Chieftain" and Rod Fraser performed a rousing and memorable Address to a Haggis.

Our old friends, The Irish Express, provided the music and this time with something extra. We were lucky enough to arrange a wonderful group of Highland dance performers featuring Rebecca Beltz, Robert McOwen, Gregor Williamson and led by Jennifer Schoonover.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**BURNS SUPPER
MAY 1, 2022**

**WHISKY TASTING
TBD**



STATE OF THE SOCIETY

Since the last issue of the *Saltire*, our Society has begun to shake off the pandemic doldrums and come back to life. As more fully described in our lead article, the 2021 Tartan Bash was a rousing success. We were scheduled to hold our Burns Supper on February 12th, but in light of the present Covid omicron situation and the expected surge over the next two months, the Burns Committee made the difficult decision to postpone the event. We will now be holding the 58th annual Burns Supper on **Sunday, May 1, 2022** at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. A new registration form will be mailed to everyone, so please discard the one you've already received. If you've already purchased tickets to the February 12th event you will receive a refund check. For those that purchased tickets online, the online surcharge will be included in the refund.

Our annual meeting of the Society will be held via Zoom on March 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm. In accordance with the revised by laws, our Board members are elected to five-year terms in three staggered groups. All Board members are currently serving their terms and there are no elections to be had this year. Nevertheless, please notify Board member Cathy Poirier at cath251@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating in the annual meeting.

The Board voted to make our annual charitable contributions on behalf of the Society. Specifically, the Society has once again donated \$500 each to the Folio Trust in Scotland and to McAuley Ministries here in Rhode Island. In addition, we are making another \$100 donation to the wonderful Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band. 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.

Finally, due to increasing costs and beginning with the upcoming April issue, all members will receive the *Saltire* in electronic form rather than receiving one in the mail. If you wish to continue to receive a paper version in the mail, please call Gail Kelleher at (401) 524-9455 to make that request. Thank you.

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A Poem Fit for a President by Jim Kelleher

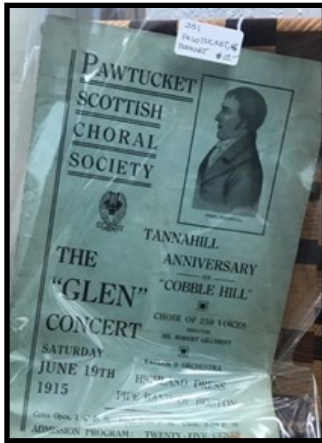
In 1859 on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the American abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher gave a memorable oration in Burns' honor in which he noted Burns' great admiration for our Revolution. In so doing, Beecher made note of a little-known work created in 1794 by the great poet, not long before his death. Burns penned his Ode to George Washington in honor of the President's 62nd birthday. The poem wasn't published in its entirety until 1873 since it must be remembered that Burns' Scotland lived under the watchful eye of the tyrant George III, no fan of General Washington. Nonetheless, there is a story of a dinner party at which the host proposed a toast to Prime Minister William Pitt whereupon Burns rose to propose "a bumper to the health of a much greater man-General Washington". In honor of Burns' birthday and that of the American President he so admired, here is an excerpt from Burns' "Ode for General Washington's Birthday".



No Spartan tube, no Attic shell,
 No lyre Aeolian I awake;
 'Tis liberty's bold note I swell,
 Thy harp, Columbia, let me take!
 See gathering thousands, while I sing,
 A broken chain exulting bring,
 And dash it in a tyrant's face,
 And dare him to his very beard,
 And tell him he no more is feared-
 No more the despot of Columbia's race!
 A tyrant's proudest insults brav'd,
 They shout-a People freed! They hail an Em-
 pire saved.
 Where is man's god-like form?
 Where is that brow erect and bold-

That eye that can unmov'd behold
 The wildest rage, the loudest storm
 That e'er created fury dared to raise?
 Avaunt! thou caitiff, servile, base,
 That tremblest at a despot's nod,
 Yet, crouching under the iron rod,
 Canst laud the hand that struck th' in-
 sulting blow!
 Art thou of man's Imperial line?
 Dost boast that countenance divine?
 Each skulking feature answers, No!
 But come, ye sons of Liberty,
 Columbia's offspring, brave as free,
 In danger's hour still flaming in the van,

Rhode Island Scottish History in the Early 1900's by Gail Kelleher



On a visit to a Putnam CT antique store this summer, I came across this pamphlet in a display case. The cover advertised the Pawtucket Scottish Choral Society's *The "Glen" Concert* to be held on June 19, 1915 celebrating the Tannahill Anniversary. The celebration included a 250-voice choir led by Mr. Robert Gilchrist, as well as the Highland Dress Pipe Band of Boston. Admission to the event was twenty-five cents!

The Tannahill Anniversary of course referred to Robert Tannahill, the Paisley Poet – a great admirer of Robert Burns. Although he was apprenticed at age 12 to a weaver, he began writing poetry at an early age. Most of Tannahill's poetry was composed as he worked at the loom, weaving threads and verses. He formed a partnership with the composer Robert Archibald Smith, who set some of his songs in the Scots language to music. Most famously, the two worked together on *The Braes of Balquhidder* which became the basis of the ballad *Wild Mountain Thyme* with its chorus of "Will Ye Go Lassie, Go?".

My curiosity piqued, I spent some time searching the internet for more information about this event. What I found was a virtual treasure-trove of information on Scottish History in Rhode Island at the turn of the century. There are many volumes of *The Caledonian* that can be read on-line for free, and many include references to events in Rhode Island, or articles entitled *Rhode Island Letter* written by John Baldwin, the RI contributor to this periodical.

According to the Volume 11, it was estimated that the City of Pawtucket had a larger percent of Scottish people than any other city in the United States (circa 1911). Clan Fraser in particular had a membership of approximately 300 and played an active role in Pawtucket. The singular reference I could find to the Pawtucket Scottish Choral Society was in Volume 16: "Owing to torrential rain, the celebration by Clan Fraser, OSC, June 17, in memory of Robert Tannahill, the Paisley poet, was postponed indefinitely. It was a great disappointment." (New England weather strikes again!) The choir had been training during the winter; it was to be held in open air conditions to simulate conditions on the Gleniffer Braies in Scotland, a place held dear by the people of Paisley as well as the many Scottish denizens of Pawtucket.

One of the reasons for Pawtucket's large Scottish population was due to its mills, particularly the American branch of the J & P Coats mill built by Sir James Coats, also of Paisley Scotland. In 1870, Sir James began erecting mills until he created an enormous plant which proved to be one of the most profitable of his empire. Sir James was noted for his generosity. After his return to Scotland, he established approximately 4000 libraries of about 300 volumes each between 1903 and 1912 to help educate Scotland's small rural communities.

If you are interested in some free, on-line learning, visit Google Books and search for [The Caledonian](#) where many volumes are available. And if any of our members know more about the Pawtucket Choral Society, please send me your thoughts and I'll include them in the April *Saltire*.

St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island, Inc. – 2021 Annual Report

Operating Account – October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021

Beginning Balance October 1, 2020		Beg. \$ 15,272.28
Total Deposits for this Period	\$ 2,425.00	
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,537.86	
Ending Balance September 30, 2021		<u>End \$ 13,159.42</u>

Tartan Account – October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021

Beginning Balance October 1, 2020		Beg. \$ 4,396.91
Total Deposits Plus Interest	\$ 350.00	
Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Ending Balance September 30, 2021		<u>End \$ 4,746.91</u>

Certificates of Deposit		<u>\$ 19,804.00</u>
Operating Account CD	\$8,196.11	
Tartan Account CD	\$8,196.11	
Charitable Account CD	\$3,411.78	

Total Assets as of September 30, 2021 \$ 37,710.3

Notice Regarding Changes in Membership Renewals

The Board has decided to move the annual dues payment ahead by two months starting this year. In the past, you had received the dues registration form in late December with payment to be made in January. In the Board's view the timing posed a potential problem in relation to Christmas as well as to members purchasing Burns Supper tickets in that timeframe. As a result and beginning this year, the dues form will be mailed out in February and will be payable for March 1.

When you receive your Membership Renewal form, please note that it will include two business cards for the Society. Like every similar organization, we are always ready to welcome new members and the hope is that you might share these cards with friends who may be interested. The card features our website address and SASRI email. Using your phone camera, the QR Code on the back of the card will directly bring up the SASRI website. Also, this year's renewal form will provide an option to register and pay online rather than mailing a paper check. For those who re-register electronically, they will automatically be scheduled to receive the 2023 renewal form by email and not in the regular mail.

Letters to the Editor

- As a follow up to the article **The Caves of Scotland** – Issue II, 2021

I spent a considerable period of the late 1980's sailing the West Coast of Scotland with groups of young people who were unemployed and in need of some direction in life. Fingal's Cave was always a popular call. Jumping around on the slippery hexagonal tops of the columnar basalt while seeing who could get farthest up into the cave was fun. We also made calls to visit the same geological formations on the north coast of Ireland known as the "Giant's Causeway". And therein is the legend.

The Irish giant Finn McCool was a deadly rival of the Scottish giant Finn Gall. Finn McCool was headed across the causeway to fight Finn Gall. Finn Gall was waiting in his cave on the Isle of Staffa. Not too sure about his ability to ward off the Irish giant – Finn Gall had his wife dress him in baby clothes and put him in the crib. Finn McCool arrived at the mouth of the cave and demanded to know the whereabouts of Finn Gall. His wife offered that Finn Gall was out hunting but "that was his bairn there in the crib". On seeing the size of the supposed bairn Finn McCool decided that if the bairn was that big- his father must be enormous. In fear of losing the fight – Finn McCool turned and headed back to Ireland – smashing the causeway behind him to prevent Finn Gall following him. Which is why nowadays you can only see the end of the Giant's Causeway in Ireland dipping into the edge of the sea and the abrupt end of the causeway at the mouth of Fingal's Cave on Staffa.....

It should be noted the Irish tell the same story – but swap the characters to make Finn McCool look like the smart one....

Graeme J.W. Smith

September 16, 2021

- Correction regarding the **Long and Winding Road** – Issue II, 2020

A friend pointed out your article, **The Long and Winding Road**, from your newsletter. Well done for an informative and entertaining article.

That said, there is one factual deficiency of which you should be aware. You note that "at the famous pass Rest and Be Thankful from which Glencoe can be admired." This may have been a typo or an oversight; you'd have to have laser vision for that to be the case! What you are, in fact, looking over is Glen Croe and not Glencoe (that "r" makes a big difference .) Glencoe is around 60 miles northwest of Glen Croe and the Rest and Be Thankful. Hope that's useful to you. Keep up the good work!

Neil Sharpe, former SASRI President and Native Scot

November 14, 2021

Thank you both for your contributions and eagle eyes! - *Editor*

Members' Page

Flowers of the Forest

James Franklin Schroeder

December 16, 2021

Father of Wendy Kalstead

St Andrew's Day Greeting

by Mary Symon

GOD bless our land, our Scotland,
 Grey glen an' misty brae,
 The blue heights o' the Coolins,
 The green haughs yont the Spey,
 The weary wastes on Solway,
 Snell winds blaw owre them a' —
 But aye it's Hame, lad,
 Yours an' mine, lad,
 Shielin' or ha'.

It's Hame, it's Hame for ever,
 Let good or ill betide!
 The croon o' some dear river,
 The blink o' ae braeside.

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Johnna Bridget Jamieson - Jan. 6, 2021

Reminders

- When a society member dies, please notify either: Joe Muzzy, email jfmuzzy@aol.com or Gail Kelleher, email kellehergail@gmail.com
- If you have a new email and/or change of address please notify

Outlander Returns

Dear Outlander Fans, Season 6 premieres on March 6, 2022 at 9 PM on Starz. There will be eight episodes, including a 90-minute premiere. The pandemic provided many challenges leading to a shorter Season 6, but Season 7 will be an extended season with 16 episodes. Get your popcorn ready and click [here](#) for the trailer!

New Hampshire Games

Mark your calendars for the 47th NH Highland Games & Festival at Loon Mountain Resort. The 3- day celebration takes place September 16 – 18, 2022.

Zoom Book Club begins in January 2022

Our next book selection is *A Scottish Blockade Runner in the American Civil War – Joannes Wyllie of the Steamer Ad-Vance* by John F. Messner. Click [here](#) to read a description – stay tuned and watch your email in January!

Non Sequitur by Wiley Miller



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Jennifer has performed highland dancing at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. All in attendance were delighted by the performances. After some general dancing, a few socially distanced ceilidh dances and a raffle drawing, it was then time for all to join arm in arm to sing Auld Lang Syne. Lastly, a hearty congratulations to **Donald and Audrey Pfeiffer** who celebrated their anniversary that evening by not only winning the liquor basket but topping that by winning the two tickets to the Burns Supper!





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Issue II

ABBOTSFORD - THE HOME OF SIR WALTER SCOTT by Denise Aiken

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Sir Walter Scott (August 15, 1771-September 21, 1832) was the first English-language author to have an international career in his own lifetime. He was a historical novelist, playwright and poet, whose work was widely read in Europe, North America and Australia. Still read today are some of his novels, including *IVANHOE*, *ROB ROY*, *WAVERLY* and *THE BRIDE OF LAMMERMOOR*. His writing was done while his usual occupation was Clerk of Session and Sherrif-Depute of Selkirkshire.

His home, Abbotsford, is one of the most famous houses in the world and reflects the mind and enthusiasms of the man who built it. Scott built it with the proceeds of his literary career. His interest in trees was so keen that he planted trees on this property well before he actually took possession of it. He also wrote on the subject of tree planting and landscape gardening. The house itself was built in three phases: 1817-1819; 1822-1825; and the third phase in the mid 1850's, twenty years after Scott's death. *(continued on page 9)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

BURNS SUPPER
MAY 1ST

HIGH TEA
JUNE 18TH

TARTAN PICNIC
AUGUST 21ST



STATE OF THE SOCIETY

The Society's Annual Meeting was held on March 14, 2022. As you may know, one of the purposes of an annual meeting is the election of members to the Board of Directors. At present there are seven Board seats that are set to serve five-year staggered terms. There were no seats up for election this year but there will be two seats up for election in March of 2023. Please consider whether you might have an interest in serving on the Board and feel free to make that interest known to any one of our Board members, whose contact information is listed below.

By now, all should have received a dues notification letter in the mail which indicates that responses were due by March 31. If anyone has yet to send in your form and check, please do so at your earliest convenience. We are grateful for everyone's support in our effort to continue to provide a fun and meaningful SASRI experience. Please remember to consider using the Venmo option (@sasofri) for electronic payment, and a hearty thank you to those members who have already done so. By paying electronically our mailing costs will go down, thus freeing up those funds for a different purpose (never mind helping the environment by cutting down on paper usage). *(continued on page 8)*

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Membership Appreciation Event

We are planning a High Tea this year to acknowledge our members for all the support you have shown the Society, especially during these last two difficult years. The High Tea will take place at Trinity Confections in Warwick at 1625 Warwick Avenue (near the corner of Airport Road and Warwick Avenue). It will be held on Saturday, June 18th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The venue is charming but small, so we have reserved all 32 seats; it will be a private event for the St. Andrew's Society. To see their lovely, homemade treats, click [here](#).

The cost per member is \$15. Non-members are welcome at the full cost of the event, \$33.60.

Make your check payable to SASRI, Inc. and note "High Tea" in the memo section; mail to PO Box 20568, Cranston, RI 02920 no later than May 28, 2022. This is a first come, first serve event.

However, if we have more interest than the room can accommodate, a second High Tea will be planned so that no one who wants to attend will be left out.

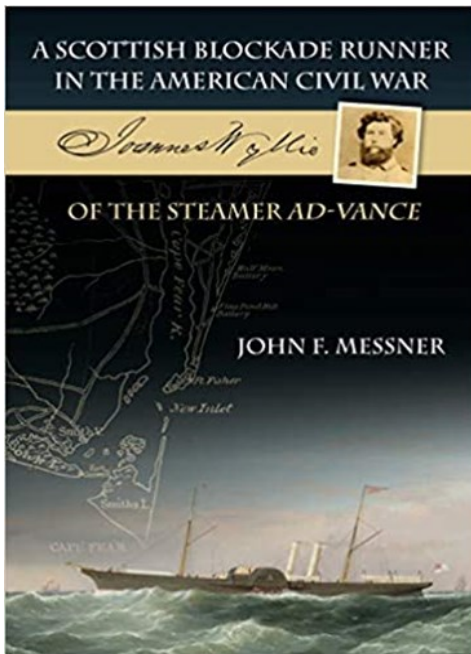
The Menu

Soup
Quiche with Fresh Fruit
Tea Sandwiches and canapés
Scone
Tea Bread
Cookies
Cupcakes
Chocolates
Unlimited Tea

We hope you will attend this event! Members, if transportation is an issue, please let me (Gail Kelleher, 401-524-9455) know and I will try to arrange a carpool so that you can attend.



Book Club Approved: *A Scottish Blockade Runner in the American Civil War - Joannes Wyllie of the Steamer Ad-Vance* by Gail Kelleher



You may remember that SASRI began a book club last summer as a way to keep our members engaged while we could not physically get together. The idea of member Kris Howe, we are now amid our fourth book, the Sir Walter Scott classic *Rob Roy*.

Our previous book deserves some discussion in *The Saltire*. It is the fascinating story of Scottish seaman Joannes Wyllie and his adventures as a blockade runner during the American Civil War. Mr. Wyllie was born in 1828 and began his professional life as a teacher. He was intelligent, humorous and caring individual who became one of the most successful runners during the war. His nautical career (an escape from the role of well-educated schoolteacher) began as an apprentice seaman in 1852 and by 1862, he was commander of his first vessel. On one of his return trips from Nassau, two agents of the State of North Carolina were on board travelling to Britain on the orders of Gov. Zebulon Vance to purchase ships to run the blockade. Because tremendous profits could be made, this opportunity began Wyllie's blockade running career.

He became commander of the *Lord Clyde*, which was soon renamed the *Ad-Vance*, after Gov. Vance of North Carolina.

For those unfamiliar with life at sea in the 1800s, some interesting tidbits were revealed through crew diaries. Who knew sailing vessels had a favorite cat? And did you know about the 'great nautical ceremony' when crossing the equator for the first time? This could be quite brutal and involve beatings with boards and wet ropes, and sometimes throwing victims over the side of the ship and dragging them. Alternatively, there might be an "equatorial baptism" where novices were kept below deck then summoned by King Neptune. Charles Darwin noted in his diary that he "was then placed on a plank, which could be easily tilted up into a large bath of water. — They then lathered my face & mouth with pitch and paint, and scraped some of it off with a piece of roughened iron hoop. — a signal being given I was tilted head over heels into the water, where two men received me & ducked me. — at last, glad enough, I escaped." (Sounds terrible – I'm glad he escaped too!)



The book is well-researched yet reads more like an exciting adventure novel rather than history book. Wyllie completed 15 runs and was captured twice! Each time, he was able to outwit his captors and travel back to Scotland and begin another run. At the end of his nautical career, Wyllie returned to Scotland and became a farmer/philanthropist where he was heavily involved in his community and spoke often of his time as a runner.

Our book club would not have known that this book existed, nor would it have been on our reading list without the SASRI Facebook page. We were contacted by the author's publicist, and it was then that we ordered copies. Just before our last book club meeting, I received an email from the author, Mr. John Messner. Mr. Messner's title is Curator, Transport and Technology, Riverside Museum in Glasgow. The original artwork shown on the cover of the book resides at the Riverside Museum and became the inspiration for the book. Messner was originally from the United States but has resided in Scotland for the last seven years. What a delightful surprise it was to have him participate in our discussion! A self-professed night owl, John was happy to zoom in at 12:30 a.m. and discuss all things Wyllie. In his follow-up email, he said "Thank you for allowing me to join in your book club last night. I think it was the first time I have been in a group of people who I 'knew' had read the book. I'd like to thank the members for a really good discussion

Now that his *Blockade Runner* book is finished, Mr. Messner's next literary work will be about the Jedburgh Hand Ba' game, which can be traced back to 1704. He shared some information if you wish to know more about this and other games:



"If you would like to know more about the Jedburgh Hand Ba' you can find some details and a video of the 2012 (including yours truly) at [Calendar Customs](http://www.calendar-customs.com). This is a fantastic website that charts the traditional (and not so traditional) festivals of Britain. There are quite a few Scottish entries that I am sure would be of interest to the Society's members.

This is the book my friend Hugh Hornby wrote on the 15 surviving games. It is part of a series called 'Played in Britain', charting the history of sports and games in the country through the built environment.

<http://www.playedinbritain.co.uk/books/uppies-and-downies.php> I also recommend 'Played at the Pub' in this series."

Volunteers Needed for 44th Annual Heritage Festival

Dear Members,

The 44th Annual RI Heritage Festival will be held September 17th at the WaterFire Arts Center in Providence. We are looking for two volunteers to manage a booth on behalf of The St. Andrew's Society as all board members will be attending the New Hampshire Highland Games. A table has been reserved, but we need two individuals to be the face of the Society that day. Food trucks will be on-site so you will not go hungry! Please let me know if you are interested in managing the table. We will assist in providing the items to be displayed.

FYI: Events during the day include a parade of international flags from over 30 countries. Dancers and musicians will perform in ten-minute time slots throughout the day, and there will be a fashion show. Thank you in advance – Gail Kelleher (401-524-9455, or gailkr@verizon.net).

A Man on a Mission by Jim Kelleher

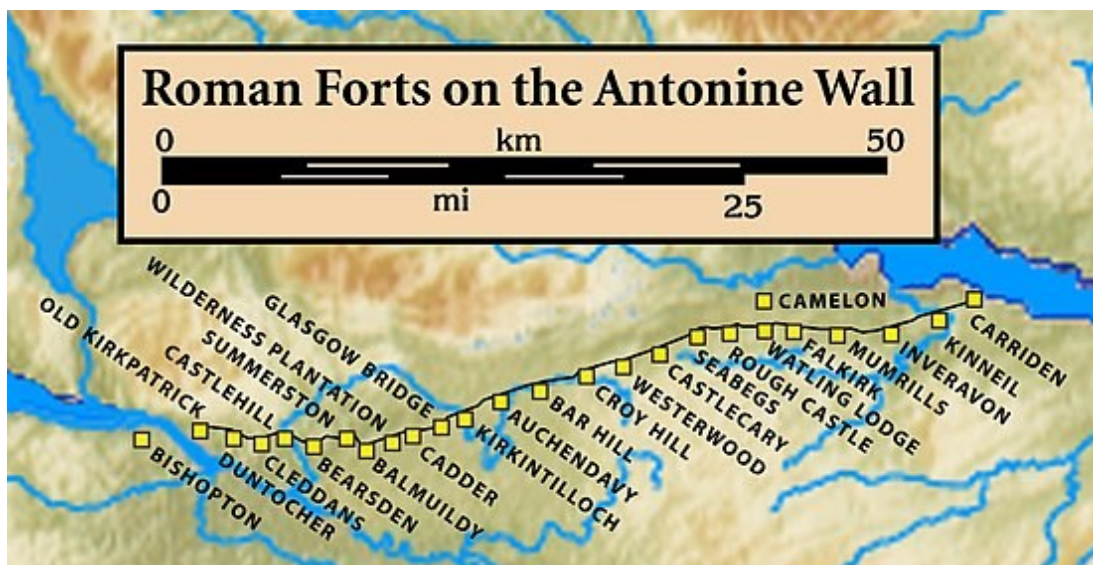


It is widely known that St. Andrew was born and raised in Galilee. While the birthplace of Scotland's patron saint comes as little surprise, it may well come as news to many that the birthplace of Ireland's patron saint is found on the banks of the River Clyde. It has long been asserted that St. Patrick was born in western Scotland, but the precise location has been a matter of dispute.

A group of researchers investigating ancient Roman fortifications in western Scotland (see map below) recently published their findings and have concluded that a particular Roman fortress built around 142 A.D. was eventually given a name that translates to "sacred place". The precise location is the present-day village of Old Kilpatrick located just outside of Dumbarton, less than ten miles downriver from Glasgow. It is believed that St. Patrick was born there in or around 352 A.D. and was captured there at age sixteen to be brought to Ireland as a slave. He eventually escaped his captivity and fled to France whereupon he became a cleric.

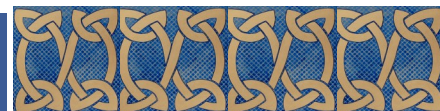
He made it his life's work to convert the Irish to Christianity and returned to Ireland as a missionary. Although he spent the rest of his very long life (he lived to be eighty-six, an incredible feat in the ancient world) in Ireland, it is believed that his final remains were returned to his hometown. Then known as Nemeton, the place came to be called *Cille Phadraig*, Scottish Gaelic for "Patrick's church" and eventually anglicized to Kilpatrick.

If you ever find yourself in Glasgow, you can take a very short ride to Old Kilpatrick and find St. Patrick's Church. While the present building is less than two hundred years old, the location boasts a favorite son who has been the stuff of legend for centuries.





Members' Page



Scottish Country Dancing Resumed March 23, 2022

Dances are held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. (No dancing the 2nd Wednesday) at:

The Knights of Columbus Hall
 70 Pettaconsett Avenue
 Cranston, RI. 02920

Doors open at 7:00 pm with warm-up beginning at 7:20, promptly followed by dancing from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. The cost is **\$6.00 per person**. Tea and refreshments will be served after dancing. Please contact Ruth Gravel (ruthgravel@gmail.com) if you are attending.

RI Highlanders Pipe Band

The band has been busy playing all the St. Patrick's Day events – it's good to have them back! Click here for a list of scheduled events, or check out there Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RIHighlanders>.

Kudos to Debbie and the Band – looking forward to their performance at the Burns Supper May 1!

A heartfelt thanks to
 Donald and Audrey MacLeod-Pfeiffer
 for their donation to the Society



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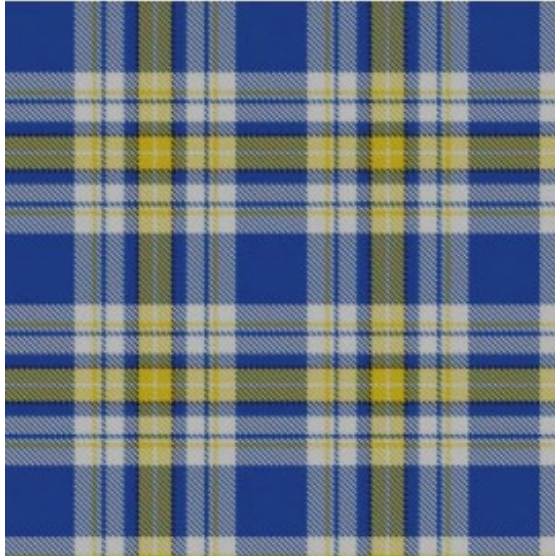
Gail Kelleher, email kellehergail@gmail.com

Rhymes with Orange by Hilary Price



Ukraine Forever Tartan

The Great Scot Clothing company, based in Keith, has joined many other Scottish and international companies raising money to support the refugees created by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



A Great Scot spokesman said the tartan has been “meticulously and respectfully designed” to show Scotland’s solidarity with people in Ukraine – “one sovereign nation to another” – fusing together the colors of both countries. All profits for the Ukraine Forever products will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

The Ukraine Foreign Ministry has thanked Scotland for the creation of the tartan showing solidarity with the country as Russian continues its invasion. Margo Page McCoy, founder of the clothing company intends on sending Pres. Volodymyr Zelensky a kilt using the tartan. Ukraine Forever!

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As for coming events, everyone should have already received their invitation to our Burns Supper to be held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet on May 1st. Since we will have to provide a head count to the caterer well in advance of that date, please send in your reservation form as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. In fact, if you haven’t sent it in yet, please consider paying electronically via the [BUY TICKETS](#) option found on the Burns Supper link on our website. Given the delays we’ve all experienced in postal delivery, the Ticket Leap option guarantees that your reservation will be received before any deadlines arrive.

Some members may be wondering about this year’s Whisky Tasting, which is usually held in Spring. Because we had to move the Burns Supper date to May 1st, it was decided to hold the Whisky Tasting on a date later in the year. The 2022 Whisky Tasting will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for further details.

Lastly, please know that we received heartfelt notes of thanks for your Society’s charitable gifts to the Rhode Island Highlanders, McAuley Ministries and the Folio Trust in Scotland. Along with their thanks, Folio provided a list of the several charities that our gift may be helping. The list can be found [here](#).

Abbotsford (continued from page 1)






When Scott purchased the property then known to the local people as Cartleyhole, he immediately renamed it Abbotsford after the ford on the river Tweed used in former times by the monks of Melrose Abbey. And the existing farmhouse was too small for a man with four children. The grand house as it is today never had a plan to become a mansion, but a rambling and somewhat whimsical country home. He added a study, a dining room and

a conservatory. He had friends who were architects like Edward Blore and the cabinet maker George Bullock, who contributed ideas and sketches. The interiors were decorated by David Ramsey of Edinburgh. Eventually the old farmhouse was pulled down to make room for the new library. That library is my favorite room in the house. The library has been kept intact by the Faculty of Advocates Abbotsford Collection Trust. Scott himself had become a member of the Faculty of Advocates in 1792.



Scott's collections remain in the house as he placed them, including his Armoury, which he called his "boudoir". It is a fine collection of antique weaponry. When you go to Scotland, do not miss an opportunity to visit Abbotsford. Each room and every aspect of the grounds tells you something about Sir Walter Scott.

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Archeological Adventures in the Islands and Highlands

by Dr. Patricia Jubinska MacCaibe

TRAVELING to Scotland is always an adventure. This trip took three days to arrive at our first destination of the Orkney Islands. Travel was complicated by the irregular ferry schedule originating from Aberdeen and the six-hour travel it took. Of course, my Scottish American husband, Charles found a means to pass the time. The Orkney Brewery Rugby Team won the championship for the season for the first time in eight years, which lead to a great deal of celebration in which Charles found himself in the middle of....



We arrived late Saturday, which only gave us Sunday to explore the Mainland, as most sites closed early during the week or were still closed due to COVID restrictions. Our first stop was the Italian Chapel built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Constructed out of Nissen huts, the UK version of the Quonset hut. Domenico Chiochetti, an artist from Moena, Italy prior to the war, took charge of this project. All materials were scavenged and what is seen today, complete with Renaissance inspired frescoes, is truly awe inspiring. (Cont. on Page 3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHISKY TASTING
 OCTOBER 2ND

TARTAN BASH
 NOVEMBER 5TH

PAWTUCKET FLAG
 RAISING
 NOVEMBER 30TH

CHRISTMAS CEILIDH
 DECEMBER 3RD

STATE OF THE SOCIETY

The state of the St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island is, in a word, strong. Our membership ranks actually increased during the long Covid hiatus and we'd expect that trend to continue now that our activities are back in full swing. There are still a few members who may have forgotten to pay their dues for 2022 (\$25 for an individual membership; \$40 for a family membership) and those payments will be greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE! During a spirited game of trivia at our recent summer picnic, the question was posed as to when our Society was founded. The correct answer? 1923. That's right, our beloved St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year! We will be celebrating that anniversary in grand style. On **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, the St. Andrew's Society 100th Anniversary Gala will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. We expect this to be a wonderful evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing along with some surprises. Mark your calendars (assuming you already own a 2023 calendar!) and help us usher in the second hundred years of SASRI.

And finally, our organization has been asked to participate in the raising of the Sal-tire at Pawtucket City Hall in honor of St. Andrew's Day. The event will be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 2022 at Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue at 4:00 pm. We will provide an honor guard while member Fraser Lang will offer some remarks and member Debbie Kane will pipe the event. The mayor of Pawtucket will

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The Neolithic (approximately age is 5800 years) Standing Stones of Stenness was the next stop in Stromness, known as a henge monument, originally consisting of twelve stones ranging from 12 inches thick by 16 feet high arranged in a circle.

In Kirkwall, across from where we were staying were historical monuments from the Medieval Period: St. Magnus Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace. St. Magnus Cathedral was started in 1137, took three hundred years to build and is located across the street from the Bishop's Palace which was built in the same period. The Romanesque Cathedral was constructed from red sandstone and yellow sandstone. In the same area in 1607, the infamous Patrick, Earl of Orkney broke ground utilizing forced labor to build his Renaissance Palace. Patrick was later executed for treason in 1615.





Monday, my work commenced on South Ronaldsay, which is linked to the Mainland by the Churchill Barriers constructed by the aforementioned Italian prisoners of war. Work consisted of doing an archaeological geosurvey under the auspices of the Archaeological Institute of the University of the Highlands and Islands. The purpose of this investigation was to see if a settlement existed between two brochs and to possibly find the tomb of Thorfinn Tork-Einarsson, the 10th century Earl of Orkney, also known as Skull Splitter. The following images illustrate how deforested and windswept the islands are since the Viking Period. Charles made the most of his time during the day visiting St. Magnus Cathedral, the explorer and surgeon, John Rae's house and burial, as well as visiting breweries and distilleries (for the purpose of cultural research.)



Evenings in Orkney were often spent having dinner with friends, colleagues, faculty, and graduate students. Conversation was lively and animated covering topics ranging from lambing season to Scottish Independence, a topic well supported in the highlands and islands, but not so much in the English settled lowlands and borders.

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Member Appreciation High Tea by Gail Kelleher

Trinity Confections in Warwick was the setting for a High Tea, and it did not disappoint.

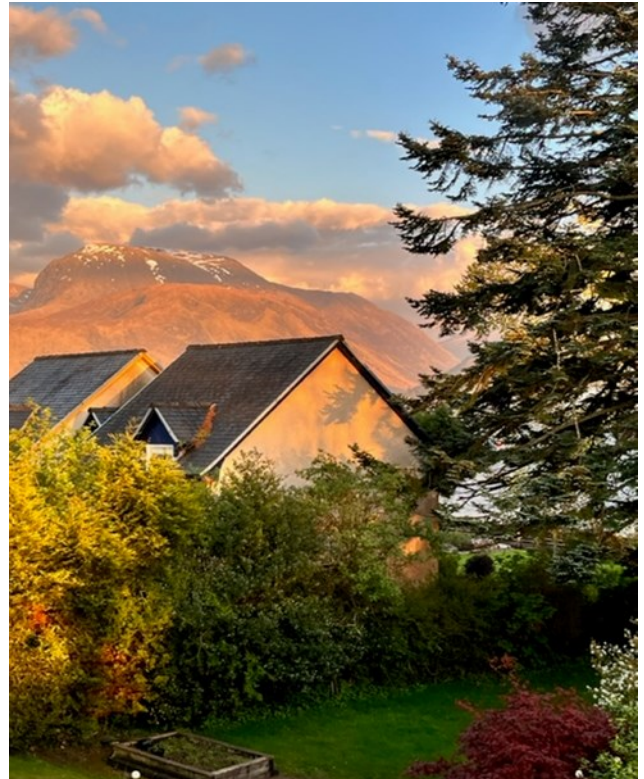
Twenty-eight Members attended on June 18th and no one left hungry! The Ladies at Trinity welcomed us and provided savory and sweet delights as well as bottomless cups of tea in bone-china cups. And if you missed it, don't worry; this event was so well received it may become a yearly event.

Here are a few pictures from the day – special thanks to Jordan Cannady for his camera work.



What struck me as unique was the comradery that existed between the group no matter the age, and the age range was from twenty to seventy. Plus, no one was on their cellphones! By Friday, the geosurvey was done and we were once more on the ferry leaving Orkney and heading now for the Highlands.

The destination was Fort William, which is called the gateway to the Highlands, and the scenery contrasted sharply from that of the northern isles. A view from our window looked like a painting.



This week consisted of research related activities, (meetings with the Lochaber Archaeological Society, West Highland Museum and the Lochaber Archive Center), tape and offset survey at the research site, and a few social gatherings. This is the area where Charles' clan originated (Clan Cameron). Fort William was constructed by the English to keep the Camerons in check. The people are warm, welcoming, and quick with witty banter. It is where we feel most at home. We always spend time with the clan chieftain, Lochiel Donald Cameron, at Achnacarry Castle, which is always a delight!



The research site is the original stronghold of the clan, which is in desperate need of preservation and protection. Permission was granted through Historic Environment Scotland to do a preliminary assessment. Unfortunately, funding is extremely tight and with centuries of history, decisions are often based on which site can realistically be saved. The proposal would recommend securing the site from further deterioration by stabilizing and constructed a protective barrier around it, such as what was done to Old Invergarry Castle (See below. The original stronghold of the MacDonell Clan, which current structure dates from 1654).

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Members' Page

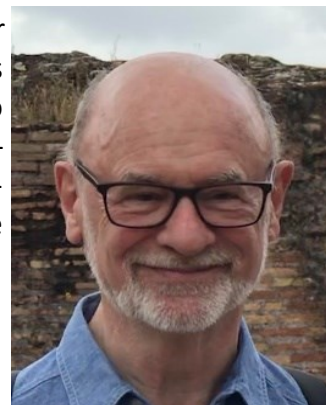
• *Flowers of the Forest*

Dolores C. Aiken – April 11, 2022 (Mother of Denise Aiken)

Carole Duff Cargill – April 21, 2022

Peter Dell – July 28, 2022

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the passing of our great friend Peter Dell. Pete was a stalwart of the Society and worked tirelessly over the years on its behalf. Pete not only served as a member of the Board of Directors but also manned the tent at the Highland Games, served as the self-proclaimed "pouder extraordinaire" at many a Whisky Tasting and was our artist in residence having designed the logo featured on our website. He was a wonderful friend to all, and we were lucky to have had him in our midst. The salt of the earth.



• *Welcome to New Members*

Jeannie Douglas – December 13, 2021

Susan Messier – May 3, 2022

Daniel Johnson – June 13, 2022

Patricia Armitage – June 18, 2022

Eugene McKechnie – June 22, 2022

Sarah Sorensen – July 30, 2022

- *Scottish Country Dancing* Resuming in October. No date has been set yet so please check the [website](#) or email [Ruth Gravel](#) for information.

- *Book Club* Returns in the Fall – Our selection is *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by Arthur Herman. Zoom meetings will be Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning September 26th. An email invitation will be sent in early September and the website will be updated with all the details – hope you can join us!

- *Please Remember* to notify either Joe Muzzy or Gail Kelleher regarding changes of address, or if a member passes away.



Congratulations to new grandparents Rod & Angela Fraser! Royce Matthew Fraser was welcomed to the world on August 8th. He weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and showed up a few weeks early, but mother and son are doing well. Rod says, "Royce is already looking forward to attending his first Burns Supper."

The original Cameron stronghold is older and dates from the eleventh century and has seen several clan battles under the ramparts' shadow. The research consists of finding sufficient historical and literary support to guarantee the site's longevity.

Our trip was quickly coming to a close. Several weeks of work left us tired, exhausted, but encouraged by what was accomplished. Next year, will hopefully see the work progress to test pit excavations, but in Scotland time moves so much slower than in the United States. So, we bid farewell with a bit of sadness to our friends and colleagues and started the long flight home.



Great Scot Award 2022

The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA has selected Author Diana Gabaldon as the 2022 Great Scot. This year had been designated Scotland's Year of Stories, so it seemed only natural to award Ms. Gabaldon this honor for her influence on travel and tourism in Scotland over the last 30 years. Her *Outlander* series has shined a light on Scotland's history and culture, and has delighted more than 50 million readers around the world with the romance and drama of Scottish history.

Upcoming Festivals

- RI 44th Annual Heritage Festival
The WaterFire Arts Center – 475 Valley Street, Providence, RI
Sat. 12 – 5 PM, September 17th
SASRI will participate in the exhibition.
- 47th NH Highland Games & Festival
Loon Mountain Resort
Sep 16 – 18, 8 AM to 5 PM
- 34th Scotland CT Highland Games
96 Waldo Road, Scotland, CT
Sun. 9 AM – 5 PM, October 9th

The Loch Ness Monster – Urban Legend or Ancient River Denizen?

Filmed on a sunny morning by the shores of Loch Ness, click [here](#) (sound on) and decide for yourself. Nice to see so many of these baby Nessies; all too often, their eggs are devastated by haggis that are allowed to roam free without culling.



Annual Tartan Picnic by Cathy Poirier

Imagine our dismay upon arriving at Goddard Park to learn that due to a fire ban, charcoal grills would not be available to use for our picnic! Luckily, Fernando Pereira was able to locate a table-top propane gas grill which he and Marc Gravel assembled, thus saving the day. Many thanks to those gentlemen!



Scottish-American Gothic

Amazingly, Jim Kelleher and Denise Aiken were able to perform the grilling feat of cooking for our 40 guests using that small grill, and we thank them for volunteering their time and very deft grilling skills. The accompanying side dishes provided by our guests made for an interesting and delicious feast. There was everything from homemade Scottish sausage to fruit salad to chocolate brownies. Well done, everyone, and thank you so much for your contributions!

Joe Muzzy presented a loving tribute and a toast to Peter Dell, who passed this spring after a protracted illness. We all miss his wry wit, and sunny personality. The beautiful and breezy summer day was enhanced by Jordan Cannady's musical contribution. His folksy format and humorous stories that accompanied most of the songs was enjoyed by all. We appreciate Jordan's time, and his dedication to his craft.



It was a rather warm day, and the sun was hot, which may have precluded many from participating in assorted lawn games this year. The Shortbread Trivia game did go on, with questions centering on interesting tidbits about the St. Andrew's Society drawn from the Society's website at SASRI.org. For those that did not attend, did you know that women were not admitted to the Society until 1992? We've come a long way baby! Team Green, comprised of Denise Aiken, Nancy Muzzy, Bernadette Maynard, Wendy Halstead and Marc Gravel are the reigning champions, and were duly awarded their shortbread prize.

Marc Gravel provided a surprise bonus to the day when he opened his trunk and invited guests to select and take home tomatoes from his garden! What a delicious treat, thank you Marc! We are also grateful to

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Ruthie Gravel for providing soft drinks every year for the picnic. Finally, a shout out to Chuck Mac-Caibe for wearing his kilt to the annual event - and for volunteering to help with next year's picnic- Yay Chuck!

Patti Pereira and Cathy Poirier are happy to acknowledge that we received many comments and notes about a wonderful day, as well as a most welcome contribution toward our expenses of the day. We thank all of our volunteers for their work, and all of our guests for attending.



Scotland Forever



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

Complete With Food Pairings

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022 at 3PM

Saint Luke's Church, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Limited to 50 Paid Tasters

Taster - \$45 per person (Non-member \$50)

Non-taster - \$20 per person (Non-member \$25)

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

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

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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.