

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF INDIANAPOLIS-""Gath ní Albanach!"

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From the desk of the President

Fellow Scots,

State of Society Address: 2015 has been an amazing year for the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. If 2014 was a year of healing, than 2015 was a year of re-building. It's would be safe to say that never in our history have we executed our mission in as many places and to as many people as we have in the past twelve months. I stood before you a year ago and proclaimed the Society healthy and solvent. I can say with great pleasure and satisfaction that we are that, and more, in 2015.

Let's review: The year started with a radio interview on Hoosier History Live, a program produced by one of our members, Molly Head. It featured past presidents Lee Cloe and Carson Smith.

As the year progressed, we were represented by one or more of our members at IUPUI International Festival, three separate Kilt Nights at the Claddagh Irish Pub, The St Patrick's Day Parade, The Ben Davis University International Festival, The International Festival at Lynnhurst Middle School, The 500 Festival Parade, The Latino Festival, The Southport Street Fair, The Fourth of July Parade in Carmel, Indiana, The German American Klub Oktoberfest, The Columbus Highland Games, Indy Irish Fest, our own Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, and The Indy International Festival.

It is with pride that I acknowledge that our society sponsored The Best Clan Tent at the Columbus Highland Games, sponsored the absolute best Indianapolis Highland Games in its history including an athlete appearance on WISH TV's IndyStyle, and won a Blue Ribbon for Best Quality Exhibit at the Indy International Festival.

At these events, our members distributed 3000 save the date cards promoting our Indy Games and passed out 500 membership and society information brochures. We met with hundreds of people at these events, answered countless questions, and related our love and interest for our Scottish

heritage. These contacts allowed us to add many addresses to our digital mailing list, now communicating with 900 people via email.

In addition to making ourselves known in the community, we met every second Wednesday as a community of Scots. We learned about Dan and Jane's Excellent Scottish Adventures, Food and Drink - good or not so good - of Scotland, how a Fulbright Scholar spent his time in the UK, about the tribulations of Robert the Bruce and his Ladies, the history of the Gordon Pipers. We shared delicious food, tasted whisky, and celebrated Robert Burns!

None of these activities and accomplishments would have been possible without you. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your involvement during 2015. Thanks to all of our committee heads and members for jobs well done indeed! I would like to thank my board of trustees, for without them, my job as president would be an impossible task. We are Scots united to say the least.

During the course of the year, the board has updated the constitution and standardized our operations including a code of conduct. The board will continue to streamline our procedures so that when the time comes for a leadership changes it will be a relatively seamless transition. The scholarship application was rewritten and posted on the SSI website.

In the combined accounts of the Society, The Foundation, and the McMath Scholarship fund, there is a balance of \$49,000. Our financial solvency is due to the success of our Games and Festival and diligence to the bottom line by our committee chairs and board of trustees. This success has enabled us to acquire equipment, upgrade our displays, and ensure that the Society and the Games will continue to thrive for some time to come.

As we move to the future, united as Scots, there is room for growth and improvement. Although we have made progress, work still needs to be done. Improvement in the distribution of our scholarship funds is in order. We now have the means to perpetuate my vision of endowing a scholarship, and I will pursue that possibility in the months to come.

I share the vision with the Games and Festival chairs that we need to explore avenues for philanthropic endeavor. I am pleased to report we have added 20 new memberships. The Scottish Society of Indianapolis has grown this year to a total of 116 individual and family memberships, but I feel we need to stress membership in The Society more ardently.

As I'm looking out over you, I see a group of Americans who are strong, united, and share my same love of all things Scottish. I spoke of endless possibilities in my 2014 address, and although much has been accomplished in 2015, the possibilities are still endless if we ALL work together to make dreams into reality.

I am proud to be a member of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis; grateful to be your president, and I look forward to the coming year in Gach ni Albanach.

Slainte mhath, Robin Jarrett, FSA Scott, Clan Wallace President, Scottish Society of Indianapolis

Hooray !!! Pre-Games Committee Meeting!!! January 30th, 2016 at 10:00AM. A New Year for yet a better Games yet!

SCOTTISH ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY RESEARCH NEWS



One can reach the website at <u>www.socantscot.org</u>, or also visit Facebook /Society-of-Antiquaries-of-Scotland/

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, 'Election of Fellows', is held once per year. The current membership here at the Scottish Society of Indianapolis are:

Ken Morgan, FSA Scot Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot Ivan Lancaster, FSA Scot Armand C. Hayes, FSA Scot Peter D. Hylton, FSA Scot Robin P. Jarrett, FSA Scot Samuel J. Lawson, FSA Scot Dan C. Patton, FSA Scot Jane B. Patton, FSA Scot

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If you are interested in joining, please let one of its membership know that you are interested and we would be glad to help you with 2 sponsors and helping you complete the application for membership. The cost varies depending on the USD/British pound exchange rate but is approximately \$106.00 annually. You will receive for your membership, at least a quarterly Newsletter, be notified of lectures, have a chance to contribute to Scottish archaeological sites and historical research being done and verified in Scotland from ancient to modern history. There are also opportunities to work on projects and visit sites under excavation. I would like to invite you interest in joining. *-Armand C Hayes*, FSA Scot

SSI BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S ELECTION :

By unanimous vote, at the 2015 St Andrews Dinner, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis membership reelected the 2015 Board of Trustees for 2016. Please welcome once again :

Robin Jarrett, President, FSA Scot Steven Johnson, Treasurer Elizabeth Hedges, Secretary Carson C Smith, Trustee, FSA Scot Andy Tompson, Trustee Samuel Lawson, Trustee, FSA Scot Armand Hayes, Trustee, FSA Scot

THOMAS H. (TOMMY) THOMPSON AWARD:

excellence! Thank you Steven!

Steven Johnson -for his

OUR LADY KNIGHT :

Lady Mary Elizabeth Thompson was

Knighted at our Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, for her continued

commitment to make our games a continuing success! Please welcome once again, Lady Mary Elizabeth Thompson!

FEATURED CLAN:



Clan Crest and moto: "Serva Jugum" ("Keep the Yoke")

Plant Crest : Mistletoe

Battlecry: "A Hay! A Hay!"





(Left -New Slains Castle remains)

The legendary origin of the Hays' is the stuff of fairy tales. In the year 971, Scotland was subjected to attack from Viking marauders who had crossed the North Sea and proceeded up the Tay estuary to Perth. King Kenneth II, resident at Scone, attempted to repel them, but his army was routed in an engagement at Luncarty, north of Perth. A farmer and his two sons, ploughing in a nearby field, had watched the proceedings, and these three men, all of huge physical stature, removed the yokes from their oxen and used them to bar the way of the fleeing Scots soldiery. The peasant and his sons rallied the fleeing troops and led them back to victory, driving the Danes into the Firth of Tay.

The king was delighted and insisted that the hero and his sons accompany him to Perth to receive suitable reward. From the top of Kinnoull Hill, the king released a falcon, having decreed that all the land encompassed by the falcon's flight would become the property of the hero and his sons. The bird landed on a stone at St Madoes, and the peasant became a rich man overnight. The salient features of these stirring events were commemorated in his coat of arms, which included three bloodstained shields, the falcon which became their crest, the ox yoke adopted as the badge of the family, and two peasants who were the supporters.

It is a colourful and romantic tale, which has unfortunately little basis in fact. The original Hays were Normans, deriving their name from the barony of La Haye du Puits which they held in Normandy, which in turn takes its name from 'Haga,' the Old High German word for a defensive wall or hedge. Following the Norman Conquest of England, the Canmore Kings in Scotland looked with favour on the improvements the Normans introduced south of the border. They invited many Norman lords to settle in Scotland, including many bearing names which are today universally regarded as Scottish, like Bruce, Fraser, Gordon and Hay.

The first Hay recorded in Scotland was William, who was Pincerna, or Cup Bearer, to King Malcolm IV in 1160. There is some evidence that this position was quasi-hereditary, as he was the nephew of Ranulph de Soulis, the previous Pincerna, whose lands in France were separated from La Haye du Puits by only a small stream. It was either he or his son, another William, who married an indigenous Celtic heiress called Eva of Pitmilly and received the Barony of Erroll from King William the Lion in 1178. He is regarded as the first Chief of Clan Hay.

During the War of Independence, Gilbert de la Haya of Erroll, supported Robert the Bruce and in 1314, helped win the Battle of Bannockburn. Consequently he was chartered land in Aberdeenshire, containing the Old Slains which is also in ruins today. He also received the title of Lord Constable of the realm of Scotland.

87Clan Hay's landed gentlemen died at Flodden including William Hay, Sheriff of Aberdeen, Erroll Lord Hay and High Constable of Scotland. Earl William died beside King James. They died with all of the 'Hay' followers as did Hay of Yester.

The Hays were always faithful to the Stewards and strong Jacobites. During the '15 uprising, King James was sent support from the French, with vessels, horses, money and a private postal service to further the cause. Though promised, the French failed to send troops in support. Later in the '45, the Hay supported the 'Pretender'. Peterhead, near Slains was used to ship information and supplies to the Jacobite movement. All the Hay who fought at Culloden perished or were captured.

Colonel Hawkes Hay of the Hay of Lochloy made a fortune in Jamaica in the 1740's and 1750's. He sailed to New York in 1763 and learned the life of a British colonist in the America's. During the Revolutionary War, the colonel became the top man in military Intelligence by George Washington in

the Haverstraw Precinct and was also the center of the Bureau of Purchase and a forwarding agency for the Continental Forces. Hawkes was responsible for defense of the west shore of the Hudson River from Stony Point to Fort Lee.

Common allies throughout the centuries have been the Robertson's of Strowad, the Sinclairs of Caithness, the Earl of Huntly, Clan Gordon, and Clan Murray. Also, Clan Stewart, Clan Leask, and Clan Leith.

SEPTS OF Clan Hay :

The following names are said to be associated with the Clan Hay, either as whole names which are part of the clan (eg. Turriff) or which are connected through some ancient instrument such as a Bond of Manrent (eg. Leask.)

- Alderston
- Ayer
- Bagra
- Beagrie
- Conn (Aberdeenshire only)
- Constable
- Delahaye
- Delgaty
- Du Plessis
- Dupplin
- Errol
- Garrow
- Geary
- Gifford

Hayden Haye Hayes Hayle Haynes Hays Hayton Hayward Hey Hye Kinnoul Laxfirth Leask* Leith Locherworth Logie Macara MacGaradh McKester Peebles Phillips (Aberdeenshire only) Slains Turriff Tweeddale Yester Zester



Delgatie Castle near Turriff, Clan Hay Centre



Clan Hay Pipe Band at Bannockburn







Delgatie Castle Back Gate

Another Castle:



Dunnottar Castle has a very interesting history. Surrounded on 3 sides by the North Sea, Dunnottar sits near Stonehaven which is to the south of Aberdeen in the Northeast of Scotland. Until the later 5th century it was a Pictish fortress; the people having converted to Christianity. It took Cromwells model army 8 months to conquer the fortress. And during Jacobean times was Jacobite friendly.

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IONA ! Off of the west coast of Scotland, lies a wonderful little Hebridean island known as Iona. In 563 AD, an Irish monk by the name of Columkille (now known as St Columba) formed a settlement from which evangelised parts of Western Scotlandand the nort of England and became an important center of Euopean Christianity. Becoming a Benedictine abbey in the Middle Ages, many pilgrim journeys were made to Iona and is today a centre for pilgrimage and tourism. There are dailey services at the Abbey.



Don't Miss...our 7th Annual Games and Festival On October 8, 2016 !!!



Articles Needed for the Thistle

The editor wishes to thank to everyone who is contributing articles for the SSI Newsletter. The Feature Article, Clan Spotlight, and most of the short articles and notices are contributed each quarter by our members.

Anyone attending Scottish, Clan or related events is encouraged to write a brief article describing the event and to enclose a photo or two. Feature Articles are also needed, 3/4 page (600 to 700 words) plus a graphic or photo. These can be about any Scottish social, historic or cultural topic. We are also happy to include favorite Scottish recipes; so far Robin has submitted ALL of them. Send to <u>mrgoodnews@comcast.net</u>

Scottish Symbols

SCOTTISH SYMBOLS - Unicorns



<u>"THE UNICORN OF SCOTLAND"</u> is labeled as the mystical animal of Scotland, by the e-publication called "*Scotland at Heart!*" According to the Celts, Unicorns symbolized the moon.

Unicorns also stand for healing powers, innocence, purity, virility with the horn, joy, and boldness. They were also a symbol of courage, beauty, wild, and free. Being very bold, fierce, and proud of a country as Scotland, in choosing a National animal/symbol of pride, the unicorn would be the undeniable decision. The unicorn appears on several mercat crosses, clan badges, 'Royal Coat of

Arms' at Rothesay Castle, at the Palace of Holyrood, prior to 1603 it was used for the Royal Coat of Arms of Scotland and now is used with the lion for the Royal Coat of Arms for the United Kingdom.

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Did Pou Know - The location of the Roman Pictish battle of Mons Graupius has never been found? There have been no archaeological finds. Included in the contenders are Bennachie and Megray Hill, which are in Aberdeenshire. However Gask Ridge in Perthshire and near Caithness are yet still popular choices. Interestingly, could have Tacitus have invented the Battle to increase his political reputation with his father-in-law, none other than Agrcola!?!

* The Scotch Review *



Springbank 15, single

malt is the only Scottish Distillery to malt 100% of its barley on site. The facility is in some of the original buildings of the distillery, as early as 1828. This distillery is the only Scottish to produce 100% of the complete process on site. The malt at final process is kilnned over a peat fire for 30-48 hours, and is then milled or crushed into a 'grist' powder. The grist is then added to hot water and brewed to extract the malt sugars. Rakes stir this process called 'mashing'; there are 3 mashings that take place. The liquid is then drained off, in a process called 'worting'. The yeast is added in over 110 hour process to ready it for distilling. During the distilling process, where the wash is passed through 3 copper stills, - a live flame still, a low wine still, and a spirit still. Springbank is distilled 2 1/2 times before being deposited in the Spirit Safe. No additives or colorings are added to

Springbank; a process to ensure that none of the natural characteristics are lost. Springbank is owned by J&A Mitchell and Co and run by the fifth generation of the Mitchell family to be involved in the distilling trade. The distillery is located in Campbelltown, 2/3 of the way South on the East coast of the Kintyre Peninsula (in Argyle, due west of Ayre, across the Isle of Arran, on the West side of the Fouth of Clyde.

Nose: Like a storm gathering off the Kintyre coast, our 15-year-old Springbank is dark and ominous, yet delicious. Best enjoyed after dinner or with your favourite cigar, this is a true classic.

Demerara sugar, dark chocolate, Christmas cake, almonds, toffee, oak.

Palate:

Creamy, raisins, dark chocolate, figs, marzipan, brazil nuts and vanilla.

Finish:

Oak and sherry notes sustain and mingle with hints of leather.

Presentation:

A great purchase and great desert scotch.

Scottish Recipe

'ME MUM'S' - CULLEN SKINK SOUP !

Ingredients :

11b smoked Haddock fillets1 Vidalia onion, peeled and grated

- 2 large Irish potatoes, peeled and diced
- 8 ounces whole milk
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 Tbsp ground black pepper
- 2 cloves crushed garlick
- Sour Cream and chopped chives to garnish

Method:

Simmer smoked Haddock in 1 1/2 cups cold water for 6-8 minutes. Remove, drain and flake into large chunks the smoked Haddock.

In covered sauce pan, add onions, potatoes pepper, enough water to cover over medium heat for 12-13 minutes to render tender. Drain and partially mash contents. Add milk and butter and lightly simmer for 2-3 minutes. Add fish and reheat for a couple of minutes.

Serve in soup bowls with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinke of chopped chives.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Note that Scottish Society of Indianapolis (SSI) sponsored events are indicated in **bold**.

December

9th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – Hogmany -music with Sam and Rebekah Lawson

17th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96th Street

31st Claddagh's New Years Eve Party [toast will be at 7:00pm, when Ireland celebrates]

January

13th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program – "BURNS LITE" 21th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh on E. 96th Street

30th Pre-Games Committee Meeting 10:00AM

February

10th SSI Meeting and Gathering: Program—"Tastin' of the Mist" Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260'

12th IUPUI International Festival Email oiaevent@iupui.edu for questions or more information 18th SSI Trustee's Meeting, Claddagh 3835 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240

March

9th SSI Meeting and Gathering, Latvian Center, 1008 W. 64th Street

17th SSI Trustee's Meeting -Claddagh on E. 96th

March 17th Tuesday 11:30am until 3:00pm 36th AnnualSt Patrick's Day Celebration and parade. Line up near the Elbow Room 9:00AM!



SSI Meeting and Side Dish Schedule

	December	January	February
Date:	Wednesday, December 9th	Wednesday January 13th	Wednesday, Febuary 10th
Meat Dish:	Robin and Deneice Jarrett -Ham	Rick Blacklidge	
Program:	"Hogmanay" Celebration and music with Sam and Rebekah Lawson	"Burns Lite"	"Tastin' of the Mist" by Arnie Lewin and our Vice President ofWhiskey, Matt Douglass
Side Dish to Bring:	A-F-Veggie/Casserole	A-F— Salad	A-F-Dessert
	G-McC—Salad	G-McC— Dessert	G-McC — Veggie/Casserole
	McD-Z—Dessert	McD-Z-Veggie/Casserole	McD-Z—Salad
family member. Example: a couple would bring at least 6 large servings. If you invite guests, please bring their portions as well. Meeting Costs: Members \$5, Returning Guests \$7, First-Time Guests are free.			
Meeting Age	nda: Location: Fo	or More Information	
5:30pm—Social 7:00pm—Dinner		ontact Robin Jarrett, 17)446-8212, cabdude1975grad@gmail.org	
8:00pm—Progra	m 1008 West 64 th Street Or	contact any trustee	
The SSI reimb	urses up to \$100.00 of th	e meat dish cost	
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<u> Joke Tíme :</u>

So upset was Mrs McBluie when her Scottish Fold died, that she went to the parish priest agonizing, "Father, please do a funeral me cat, Seamus."

"Certainly not,"said father Andrews. "Why don't you try the local church minister?"

"Oh, alright, " said Mrs McBluie blowing her nose. "Do ya think, by the way, tha five hundred pounds for his church fund would be a suitable gift o' gratitude?"

"Five hundred pounds -did you say? Well why didn't you tell me that yer poor little cat Seamus was a Catholic?!?"

A patron of an upbeat restaurant had tried to get the attention of the waitress several time. Finally his temper got the best of him. Standing up and waiving his fork at her, he raised his voice. "Do you call this pig, madam?"

The waitress looked up sharply and replied, "At which end of yer fork, sir?"

Two golfers playing a round of golf on a cold day. The first tee'd off, both watching the ball cut off and splash into the wetlands. "My game isn't what it used to be." The first stated." "Oh," stated the second golfer. "What did yer game used ta be?"

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Welcome New Members

President Robin Jarrett wishes a hearty: "Failte Chun Ar Cumann!" or "Welcome to our Society!" Please join us in giving our new members a warm welcome and please introduce yourselves when you meet them. Introduce yourself to all you do not know as the host! Thanks you all.

Visit us on the web at : www.indyscot.org

Join Us for Scottish Country Dancing!

New Location:

Like to dance? Want to learn? Just want to get some exercise? Join some of the Society members most Mondays for traditional Scottish country dancing. Society Trustee Ken Morgan leads beginner and experienced dancers in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. You'll be having too much fun to feel self-conscious.



Latvian Community Center, 1008 W 64th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260-4458

7:30 - 8:00 PM Beginning Dance lessons8:00 - 9:00 PM Social dancing9:00 - 9:30 PM Advanced dancing

All are welcome. No partner needed. Call Ken Morgan at 317-260-1828 for more information. It's a good idea to call ahead to make sure we are dancing.



SSI THISTLE : WANT AD : *Looking for a presentor of Scottish Music for various genre's , presented 4 times a year; from a quarter to three quarters of a page.*

Contact and send to Armand Hayes at mrgoodnews@comcast.net

TONGUE TWISTER IN SCOTS': And here we go ---"Patrik peetrie fae Peterheed pllukket a pukkul petreks an pakket eih pukkul petreks entai a pukkul piles" !



2016 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership in the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, Inc. as indicated:

□Life \$250 □Family \$35.00/yr □Individual \$25.00/yr □Student \$10.00/yr □Senior Family \$30.00/yr □Senior Individual \$21.00/yr

Name(s): _

Address:_____

Address information is used to send your membership renewal, will be used to send your newsletter to if you request it, but is not shared with any third party, sold, shared or rented.

Phone: ______ (home) ______

(cell) _____ (cell)_____

Facebook User Names: _____

E-mail Addresses:

E-mail is used to send the SSI newsletter four times each year, as well as occasional announcements about SSI events. We do not sell or share e-mail with any party, and we prohibit any party from using this e-mail for any other purpose. <u>Please elect</u>:

____Please send by email only.

____Do not send the newsletter via my e-mail.

- ____Do not send SSI event information via my e-mail.
- ____Please send my newsletter via US postal mail.

Note: if you are a <u>new member</u>, your membership dues will be halved from June on, in the year of application. If you are a past member, you have the option of renewing your membership at the annual rate any time during the year or attending as a guest for \$7.00 per person as often as you like.

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Please make your check payable to 'The Scottish Society of Indianapolis' and mail it along with this form to: 11722 Allisonville Road, Suite 103, #234 Fishers, IN 46038-2327 or bring it to the next meeting.

RESOURCES

Magazines :

<u>The Highlander Magazine</u> is a magazine of Scottish Heritage, including articles of cultural history, military history, famous Scots, castles, heritage, traditions, legends, genealogy, clan news, music and celebrations, and event listings. The magazine is published bimonthly thru Angus J. Ray Associates, Inc. www.highlandermagazine.com

<u>Scottish Life Magazine</u> is a magazine of past and present events, culture, and heritage. Learn of events and travel in Scotland. There are Featured articles, book, reviews, and music. Printed in full color, this quarterly magazine will help you with current travel planning. <u>www.scottishlife.org</u>

<u>Scots Heritage Magazine</u> brings Scotland's culture, clans and fascinating history to you with interesting editorial and beautiful photography. Each issue is like a passport to the Scottish diaspora as the unique and authentic articles on Scotland's rich history and its vibrant past and present, and is indeed prescribed reading for those with a passion for our country. <u>www.scotsheritagemagazine.com</u>

Online Publications :

<u>ElectricScotland.com</u> is a site with many links. If you enjoy a good read or want to do some serious research then you're in the right place. Read our many biographies of Famous Scots, and our histories of places in Scotland. We have histories of every aspect of Scottish history and probably the largest collection of information on the Scots Diaspora and Scottish Clans and Families. From news to history to travel to culture and heritage. There are links to connect you with clans and current events. Alastair McIntyre GOTJ, FSA Scot does a fabulous job connecting you with all things Scottish. www.electricscotland.com

Organizations accessible on line :

<u>Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Inc (COSCA)</u> is a service and advocacy organization that provides support and assistance to the many Scottish clans and organizations active in the United States.

Heritage should never come to an end. But who makes sure?Heritage, language, places, relics, culture, values, ancestry. They can all pass away in a surprised and exasperated heartbeat. Unfortunately there is no governmental 'Department of Scottish American Heritage' that will keep our very special culture and history alive and relevant in this forward looking age. www.cosca.scot

<u>Scottish Tartans Museum</u> is in Franklin, NC; and is a non-profit heritage center. They fund themselves by the sales from their gift shop. It was founded in 1963 as a tribute and study of the history of origins and the development ot tartans and the Scottish emigration experience into North Carolina. <u>tartans@scottishtartans.org</u>

Language :

NEW <u>LEARN GAELIC</u> is a free interactive site which offers lessons, videos, grammar tutorials, a dictionary and more. The site was launched by Scottish actor Gary Lewis, who had to learn Gaelic for his role as Colum McKenzie, Laird and Chief of Clan McKenzie in the *Outlander* television series. <u>http://learngaelic.scot</u>

<u>American Scottish Gaelic Society</u>: (An comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach) Gaelic is the language of the Scottish Highlands and islands and is one of the few surviving Celtic languages, once spoken throughout Scotland. Gaelic has existed in the British Isles far longer than English and is closely related to Irish and Manx. Scottish Gaelic is more distantly related to Welsh, Cornish, and Breton. ACGA's mission is to nurture and preserve Scottish Gaelic language and culture, particularly in North America. <u>http://www.acgamerica.org/</u>

BBC is the United Kingdom's site out of Scotland a (Alba) and is a beginners site for Gaelic. You can lear vocabulary and words and can sing along with Sineag MacIntyre. Come and join in for the sounds, grammer, units, videos, and songs. www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag

