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## Did you miss April's Meeting? Come join us in May, June!

If you were with us for our April meeting, I'm sure you enjoyed the presentation on the Scottish clearances, given by guest presenter, historian Myja Thibault. We're grateful to Myja for an engaging and enlightening presentation. And we got a side education on Scotch whisky, too!

We're doing our best each year to line up programs on history, music, and other aspects of Scottish culture for your enjoyment and edification. Let us know if you have any suggestions or requests for programs. Do you know of some person, group, or agency that would make for a good presentation at a meeting? Do you want music? Dancing? History? Genealogy? Language? Cross-Celtic (Scottish/Irish/Welsh/Manx/Cornish/Breton)

programs? We want to know! Just as important—we want to see you at the meetings!

Instead of a program in May, we'll be socializing at our May pub night. It will be held Friday, May 16, at Rosie Connolly's Pub & Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m. Address: 1548 East Main Street, in Shockoe Bottom, across from the 17th Street Farmer's Market. A little bit o' tartan would not be out of place as we gather at our Celtic cousins' Irish pub! (Call Joseph Schaub at 804-264-4729 or email to josephmelissa1@verizon.net by May 14 so we can get a head count.)

On Saturday, May 31, we'll once again be part of a Celtic-themed day at the Crossings at Bon Air retirement village. We'll have an

information table from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Again, tartan is encouraged.

And our last event of the 2013-2014 Society year will once again be at our June picnic. It will be held at Margaret Duckworth's home on Saturday, June 21, beginning at 11:30 a.m. (5909 Old Orchard Road, Henrico) Please bring a side dish to share.

Come out and join us for as many events as you can—we want to see you!

Finally, please be on the lookout for prospective members! Keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who has an interest in things Scottish, and tell them about us—a larger membership will mean a more active membership, with more resources for more and better programs.

## Message From the President

Hello, all:

This is my last address to you as President of the Scottish Society of Richmond. It has been a privilege to serve, and I think we've had a good ride under my two-year tenure, but now it's time to step back and take one responsibility off my plate. April's meeting saw the election of new officers (and by "new," I mean returning folks who've been with us in other capacities).

Here are your officers for the 2014-16 term:

President: Dani Tiller

Vice President: Anne Terrill-Scholte

Treasurer: Maggie Mackay

Secretary: Charlie Sue Rappold

We've also had some rotation on the board. The full list of board members will be in the next newsletter. We will all continue to work to make the

Scottish Society a great organization for celebrating Scottish heritage and culture.

*Mar sin leibh an dràsda* (bye for now),  
Joseph



## Scottish Society and Area Celtic-Themed Events, May-June

May 2-3: Triad Highland Games, Greensboro, NC

Monday, May 5: Board Meeting, Trinity UMC, 7:00 p.m.\*

May 10-11: Bathabara Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC

May 16: Pub Night, Rosie Connolly's, 6:00 p.m.\*

May 16-18: Smoky Mountains Highland Games, Maryville, TN

May 23-24: Greenville (SC)

Scottish Games and Festival Saturday, May 31 Celtic event at Crossings at Bon Air Retirement home, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond) \*

May 30-June 1: Glasgow (KY) Highland Games

June 7: McHenry (MD) Highland Festival

June 14-15: Blairsville (GA) Scottish Games

June 13-15: Western North Carolina Highlands Celtic

Festival, Asheville, NC

Saturday, June 21, 11:30 a.m.: Scottish Society Picnic, home of Margaret Duckworth, \*

Upcoming: July 10-13 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC

(\* indicates official Society participation/event; others are area items of interest)

**Reminder: The new Society Year dues are coming up! Please renew your membership! \$15 for individual membership, \$28 for family. Send your check to Maggie Mackay (address on last page).**

Is your May or June birthday not listed? Let us know when it is so we can celebrate it in next year's newsletter!

## Recipe: Cheese Scones

**This is a tasty variation on the standard scones which are served at tea time**

### Ingredients:

6oz (180g or 1 1/2 US cups) self raising flour  
1oz (30g or 1/4 stick) butter  
1 large egg  
2 or 2 1/2 tbsp milk  
4oz (125g or one stick) grated cheese (use whatever strength you prefer)  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp mustard powder  
Cayenne pepper to taste

### Method:

Mix the flour, salt and pepper together. Rub in the butter and then mix in the cheese. Beat the egg and add in the milk; add mixture to the dry ingredients to make a soft, elastic dough. Roll out the mixture on a floured surface but not too thinly. Cut into round shapes and place on a well greased tray. Brush the top with milk and sprinkle a little extra cheese and pepper on top. Bake in a pre-heated oven on a

high shelf at 220C/425F/Gas Mark 7 until golden brown. Serve warm with butter.



## Member News

We wish a happy birthday to the following Society members:

May 13: Scott Slutzah

May 27: Fay King

June 21: Jim Haney

June 24: Paul Willard

June 26: Sarah Slutzah

June 27: Judy Moore Garrett

We are sad to announce the death of long-time member Gloria Cahen. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Beverly Creasy and Steve McKnight. A memorial service will be held for Gloria at Gayton Kirk, Friday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.

We extend our best wishes

to members who have had health issues:

Charlie Sue Rappold

Hazel Smith

Kathy Sutton

In happier news, Bruce and Kathy Sutton welcomed their 10th (!) grandchild, Lily Ann Wasilewski on March 18. And best wishes to Doug Elder and Kiki Marcus on their May 4th wedding!

## Clan Profile: Clan Munro

From <http://clanmunrousa.org/wp/>

The origins of **Clan Munro** are lost in the distant past. By tradition, the early clan was made up of 11th Century mercenary soldiers from Ireland, they were granted lands in Ross by a grateful King after assisting him in defeating the Viking invaders of this part of Scotland. From documentary evidence they were well established by the middle of the 14th Century on the north shore of the Cromarty Firth in the area known as Ferindonald (Donald's land) named after their legendary first chief. From this narrow base comprising the modern parishes of Kiltearn and Alness they gradually spread their sphere of influence northwards and eastwards into the fertile plain of Easter Ross.

They initially held land as vassals of the powerful Earls of Ross. On the forfeiture of that earldom they were loyal directly to the Crown. Their lands later became the Barony of Foulis (pronounced "fowls") and thereafter the chief and his family were esignated "of Foulis". The clan spread into Sutherland and were also given a charter for lands in Strathspye in 1309. The chiefs were Bailies to the Macdonalds, Earls of Ross and Lords of the Isles. Robert of Foulis supported Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn in 1314. Robert Mor, 15th chief, was a staunch supporter of Mary Queen of Scots and he received many favors from her son, James VI.

During the 17th century, the Munros fought in the continental wars and Robert, the 18th chief, joined the army of Gustavus Adolphus. He raised 700 of his own clan for service in Sweden and Denmark in defense of Protestantism. He greatly distinguished himself and his Scots received the name the "Invincibles".

A law abiding and peaceful clan in general, nevertheless when needs arose they stoutly defended their interests against more powerful neighbors. Loyal to the Crown early in the reformation, the Chief and his followers adopted the Protestant faith. This move greatly influenced future clan policy.

It was a Munro of Foulis who was one of the original commanders of the six independant companies when they were raised in 1725. In 1740 when the companies of the "Black Watch" were formed into the 43rd (and later 42nd) Regiment, Sir Robert Munro, 6th Bart, was appointed Lieutenant Colonel. Sir Robert also published an account of his fortunes with the MacKay regiment in the Thirty Years War. The clan later supported the Protestant succession to the British Crown against the Catholic Stuarts during the Jacobite Risings of the 18th Century. This tradition of distinction in military service was to continue throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Munro clan made their mark in other fields. They made a significant early contribution to Scottish traditional arts in the fifteenth century with what is probably the earliest piece of pipe music written for the Pibroch. One piece, entitled 'Bealach na Broige', has been attributed to one of the early Munro family.

The Munros also became known for their prominence in the Scottish clergy. The most notable Munro clergyman was the Rev. Alexander Munro whose parish was at Cape Wrath on the very northwest tip of Scotland. He was not alone in the family in his choice of profession as the Munros boasted two other ministers enrolled as Justices of the Peace in Sutherland and two in Caithness.

The most prestigious position attained by a Munro in politics was achieved when James Monroe became President of the United States of America in the nineteenth century.



**Munro Modern Tartan**    **Clan Chief Hector Munro of Foulis**



# The Scottish Independence Referendum: Yea and Nay

September 2014

Scotland's Referendum

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*This is the latest in our series exploring the September 2014 Referendum on Scottish Independence. This issue includes one reprint of an argument for independence, followed on the next page by a reprint of an argument against independence. We are not taking sides on this here; just offering a balanced presentation of what others are saying.*

## Popular 'For' Arguments

Many laws which are enforced in Scotland are decided and passed in England, and are intended primarily for England without much consideration for the Scottish people. For example, the winter allowance for pensioners in Scotland is the same as it is in England, despite the much colder and harsher climates which exist in Scotland.

Scotland would have a much stronger economy. Scotland owns huge shares in oil, which we wouldn't have to split if we became independent.

Britain is arguably founded on extremely undemocratic ideologies. For example, 26 seats in the house of lords (a senior committee which amends and passes laws) are taken up by bishops purely because they're members of the church of England. The Scottish parliament has a much more democratic system, which does not reserve places for church members and uses a proportional electoral system for appointing members of parliament. Becoming independent would therefore arguably be a step for democracy.

In becoming independent, Scotland would need to integrate themselves more heavily with Europe. There are plans by independence parties to set up ties with Nordic countries such as Norway and Denmark. Adopting a Nordic political model would arguably be more beneficial for Scotland, which traditionally and politically has more in common with Nordic countries than with England.

Scotland is currently heading in a different political direction from the rest of the UK. Scotland is represented to the world by the Conservative party which they have rejected for years.

## Popular 'Against' Arguments

Unity is strength: in its unity with the UK, Scotland is part of a very powerful, rich and influential state. Becoming independent would arguably significantly decrease Scotland's global presence and influence.

Scotland's continued membership of the EU is not clear, as the European Commission has not been asked by the UK Government for a clear response. Experts and politicians have disagreed on whether or not Scotland's status as an EU member state could be established before Scotland becomes independent. The terms of this continued membership are also not guaranteed.

There has been speculation over how Scotland will survive if they no longer have access to the British "money pot". Many people say that going independent is an extremely large economic gamble, especially in times of recession and rising unemployment.

Britain owes some very large debts to foreign countries, which Scotland is partly responsible for. In becoming independent we'd have to negotiate which debts they should pay off, and how much we're singularly responsible for. They have so many ties with the rest of Britain that this would be a very tedious process that would take several years.

Scotland will have a smaller voice on the world stage if independent.

*Our next newsletter will be the last to explore the Referendum issue.*



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The Scottish Society of Richmond was founded in 1978 for the purpose of sharing ideals of Scottish heritage. It provides a gathering place for those with an interest in Scotland, educational programs and events on Scottish themes, as well as scholarships and awards for those studying Scottish arts and culture. September through May, the Society holds a monthly event: either an entertainment/educational program on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church (903 Forest Avenue, Richmond), or another off-site gathering, as announced in our newsletter. We hold our annual Burns Night Dinner every January, and our summer picnic in June.

On the web

<http://www.richmondscots.org/>

We're on Facebook, too!

## Scottish Society Merchandise

Proudly display your Scottish Pride with several items in the SSR Store. We have created the Richmond Scots store at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) for you to purchase your SSR logo swag from. Whether it's a T-Shirt, Sweatshirt, or a mug, you'll be able to proudly display your Scottishness.

Café Press does all the hard work; you simply use the link on our website to order your merchandise and Café Press does the rest. A portion of all sales goes directly to the Society, so not only are you telling the world you are a Scot and you are proud, but you are helping the Scottish Society at the same time.

Just visit the website, <http://www.richmondscots.org>, and follow the "Store" links.

