



The Lion & Thistle



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Join our Diamond Jubilee Celebration at Grandfather Mountain this July!

Scottish Heritage USA invites our members and their guests to join us during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans from July 11 – 13 at MacRae’s Meadows in Linville, North Carolina as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. From our founding as The Scottish American Foundation in 1965, later changed to Scottish Heritage USA in February 1979, until today, Scottish Heritage has been a supportive partner of the Grandfather Games. In October 1974, we adopted as a project the joint sharing of a tent at Grandfather with The National Trust of Scotland, supported that by a Morton family donation to help bring NTS representatives to the Games from Scotland in July 1975.

This important legacy continues with The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) and The National Trust for Scotland USA Foundation (NTSUSA) side by side with Scottish Heritage USA during the Games, along with our organization hosting an NTS speaker from Scotland as a featured speaker at the Scottish Cultural Village and at our Annual Member’s Dinner on Sunday evening at the close of the Games. This year, our special guest from The Trust will be Chris Waddell, Learning Manager at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway, Scotland. He is back to regale us with stories of “the most famous Scot who ever lived,” according to Waddell. Look inside our e-newsletter for more on this fascinating place and the experiences it offers.

Special Scottish Heritage USA Diamond Jubilee Happenings at Grandfather Mountain this year:

- Special commemorative gift basket raffle at our tent daily.
- Find a literary treasure at our \$3 Book Sale of used Scottish themed books from our library.
- Delicious al fresco deli lunch free for members daily under the trees behind our tent.
- Special gift for all renewing and new members at the games.
- Visit the Scottish Cultural Village Friday through Sunday for heritage talks and Scottish music, sponsored by Scottish Heritage USA.
- Enjoy a complimentary welcome cocktail, our National Trust for Scotland speaker as well as Scottish musical performances at the Member’s Dinner on Sunday evening, July 13, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Banner Elk Best Western.
- See details on page three of the e-newsletter. For reservations, visit ScottishHeritageUSA.org.



*Planning a trip to Scotland on your own in 2025? Be sure to renew your membership with Scottish Heritage USA **at least 2 months ahead** of your travel dates to ensure there’s time to process both your Scottish Heritage USA and National Trust for Scotland cards and separate guidebook with parking pass mailing.*

Photos & info from Scottish Heritage USA archives

Join NTS's Chris Waddell's for a Talk on Robert Burns that's 'Pure Dead Brilliant'

Chris Waddell, Learning Manager for The National Trust for Scotland at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, has a lifetime membership at Irvine Burns Club — one of the oldest in the world and founded in 1826. He believes the bard, despite his flaws, continues to be as relevant as ever.

"I think Burns means today what he has meant for the past 266 years. Burns is a totem for Scotland," Chris has stated.

Like many great writers and artists, Burns was a flawed character but some of those flaws have been misconstrued or "mythologised" according to Chris. "Burns is appreciated globally. The first Burns Supper in 1801 was attended by nine people. Nowadays, there are about nine million people globally that sit down to a Burns Supper - it has grown one million per cent since the original Burns Supper."

The Scottish Cultural Village at Grandfather will feature Chris as he shares a fascinating talk on Robert Burns and all The Trust's Burns Birthplace Museum offers. Members visit the Museum for free as part of their complimentary NTS membership as a Scottish Heritage USA member. You can also hear Chris share a story or two about the bard at our Member Dinner on July 13 at the close of the Games.

Get a taste of the Museum by previewing a short film at: www.nts.org.uk/stories/why-we-love-robert-burns-birthplace-museum.



Chris Waddell speaks at Grandfather Mountain in 2023 and returns this July to the Scottish Cultural Village.

Thank You to our New & Renewing Members!

James & Deborah Basinger—Tipp City, OH
Lynn Clark—Norco, CA
Stacey Darrohn—Douglassville, PA
Gerald Greer—Rocklin, CA
Richard & Rosa Housman—Washington, DC
Sherry Kyzer—Vernon, AL
Norman & Jacqueline Lobins—Cleveland, OH
Amanda Lockman & Jeffery Ricks—Lenoir, NC
Jerry Meyer & Nina Zingale—Santa Fe, NM
Rob & Tasha Murphy—Lehi, UT
Dorothy Neslen—Friendsville, TN
David & Josephine North—Lehi, UT
Bonnie Peterson—Anaheim, CA
Jack & Julia Ritterskamp—Indian Trail, NC
Douglas & Lynn Delano—Lindale, TX
Jeffrey & Susan Ferow—Winthrop, MA
Ted & Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock—Ames, IA
Scott & Mary Leslie—Allen, TX
William MacMinn—Matthews, NC
J.B. Meek—Washington, DC
Fred Williamson—San Antonio, TX
Paul Bench—Seneca, SC
Levi & Robin Daniels—Fayetteville, GA
Richard & Barbara MacDowell—Delmar, NY
Ekron Crow—Raleigh, NC
Shiela Lippold—Thurmont, MD
Melinda Allison—Brooklyn, NY
Shelley Anderson—Abita Springs, LA
Thomas Blackwood & Janis Bialko—Anacortes, WA
Robert & Barbara Bugg—York, SC
Carl & Helen Caves—Unionville, IN
Alice Deatherage—Leetonia, OH
TJ & Kim Holland—Vienna, VA
Douglas & Caroline Kelly—Carthage, NC
Dennis & Elizabeth Lee—Leawood, KS
Peter Ruppert—Canadensis, PA
Dotti Schaller—Sullivan, ME
Kimberly & Starrlene Van Horn—Oakdale, CA

What do the old & new Scottish sayings on the back page mean:

1. I'll give you a slap on the ear.
2. What's meant to happen will happen.
3. A tall thin person.
4. Pitch black.
5. When you fail at something, at least you're trying.
6. Stay calm, don't get upset.
7. You're talking rubbish.
8. Exceptionally good.
9. Do something with gusto.
10. We're all God's children, nobody is better than anybody else – we're all equal.

BONUS: May you live long and stay well.

Recipe Corner - Haggis and Cheese Scones

Haggis & Cheese Scones are a great way to use up leftover haggis, make a hearty scone to eat on its own, or alongside a soup or stew.

Prep Time 20 minutes, Cook Time 15 minutes,
Total Time 35 minutes

Ingredients:

4 Cups Self Raising Flour
4 tsp Baking Powder
1/4 Cup Cold Cubed Butter
1-1/2 cups whole milk approx.
1 Cup Grated mature Cheddar Cheese
9 oz haggis

Instructions:

- Pre-heat the oven to 180C Fan or 200C normal (350/390F)
- Rub the cold butter and flour together until it resembles breadcrumbs. You can use your fingertips, or a Pastry Blender to start with and then your fingers to get finer crumbs.
- Stir in the baking powder.
- Add the cheese and stir it through.
- Add the haggis and stir through.
- Make a well in the flour mix and pour in the milk, leaving a little left just in case it's not needed.
- Use a butter knife to bring the mixture together. Add the extra milk if it seems too dry.
- Tip the mixture onto a floured surface and use your fingertips to make sure it's fully combined, handily it as little as possible. Form the whole mixture into a flat square or circle just over an inch or so thick.



Instructions cont.:

- Use a scone cutter or large glass rim dusted with flour to cut the mixture into individual scones. Do not twist when pulling up the cutter/glass as this can lead to the scones becoming crooked as they rise. Reform the dough as necessary but continue to handle as little as possible.
- Arrange the scones evenly on a baking tray and brush the top with milk; sprinkle extra cheese on top of each if you like.
- Bake for 15 minutes in the middle of the oven. You'll know they're done when the bottom goes slightly brown and if you tap it the scone sounds hollow. Best eaten with butter straight from the oven!

Recipe from Scottish Scram

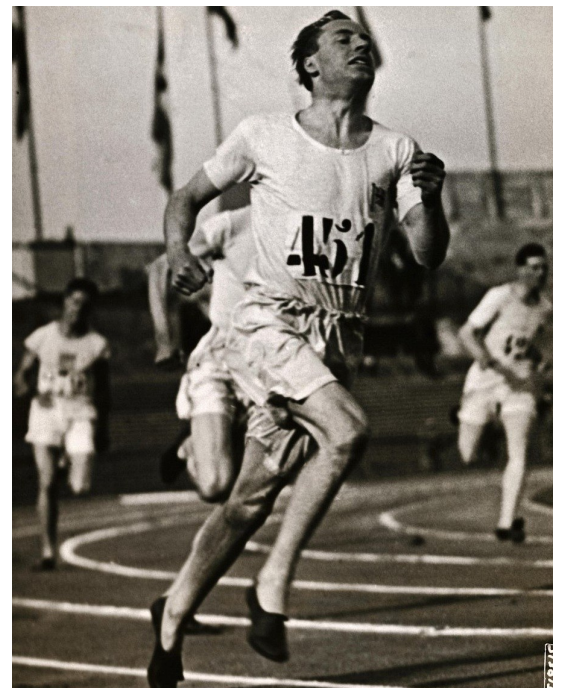
Members Across America Invited to Celebrate a Scottish Icon - Eric Liddell

It's been 100 years since Scottish sprinter Eric Liddell won the gold medal at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, the story told in *Chariots of Fire*. And it's been another 100 since he left his fame behind on June 29, 1925, to become a Christian missionary to China.

His Edinburgh-based care charity, The Eric Liddell Community, has been celebrating these centennials in the U.K. by promoting values that Eric inspired – Passion, Compassion, and Integrity – through sports, educational, cultural, and faith programming. It now is offering those programs free of charge to the U.S. through its website: www.ericliddell.org/us-canada. The site includes ideas for how to incorporate Eric Liddell-themed sports events in local Highlands Games and recognize the June anniversary.

As part of the celebration, Kinloch Anderson kiltmakers in Leith designed and registered a special tartan inspired from elements of the Dalziel tartan (connected to the Liddell name). The six colors represent aspects of Eric's life, from gold (for his medal) to red (for China).

Story and photos provided by Mart Martin, The Eric Liddell 100 US Ambassador and Scottish Heritage USA member.



Eric Liddell wins the gold medal at the 1924 Olympic Games.

A Walk Down Memory Lane - Scottish Heritage USA at Grandfather Mountain 2007-09



2007 Chairman Pete and Director Mary Hamilton



Peter Wilson & Bobby Groves



2009 Scottish Heritage Scholarship Winner Dominique Koontz



2007 Member Reception Royce McNeil and Chrissy Harrison



2007 Volunteers extraordinaire Jane McPhaul and Jane Boney



2009 Scottish Heritage Scholarship Winner Zachry McElroy with Tom Badger



2009 Member Reception Volunteers Barbara Miller and Marjorie Warren

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Can you guess what these old and new Scottish sayings mean?
(See Pg. 2 for answers)

1. I'll gie ye a skelpit lug!
 2. Whit's fur ye'll no go by ye!
 3. Skinny Malinky Longlegs!
 4. Black as the Earl of Hell's Waistcoat!
 5. Failing means yer playin!
 6. Keep the heid!
 7. Yer bum's oot the windae!
 8. Pure dead brilliant!
 9. Gie it laldy!
 10. We're a' Jock Tamson's bairns!
- BONUS: Lang may yer lum reek!