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Volunteers Honored at Scottish Heritage Gala





Betty Johnson (left) with Board President, Peter Wilson.

From left: Mike & Jackie Trotter, Board President Peter Wilson.

Scottish Heritage USA honored board member Betty Johnson for her ten years of service as Director of the Scottish Cultural Village at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (NC) during our Diamond Jubilee Gala on Sunday, July 13 at the close of this year's Games. Scottish Heritage USA President Peter Wilson also presented members Jackie and Mike Trotter with a plaque of recognition and gratitude as "Volunteers of the Year" for their ongoing support and volunteer work at Highland Games to represent Scottish Heritage USA throughout the year.

"Betty continues to elevate the experience for visitors to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at the Scottish Cultural Village with engaging, expert speakers and phenomenal performers that explore fascinating topics, tales and music about Scottish cultural and heritage," according to Mr. Wilson.

"Jackie and Mike Trotter have steadily been there to represent our non-profit at highland games with great enthusiasm in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina throughout the years," noted Mr. Wilson. "They have a part time place in Scotland and visit annually, so they directly know so many National Trust for Scotland places and experiences and the value of our support for NTS. Their love for Scottish culture and heritage is evident in all the ways they support Scottish Heritage USA."



Welcome to our New and Renewing Members

NEW

Sandra Adams - Myrtle Beach, SC Sean & Lindsay Autry - Fayetteville, NC Marie Bath - Lawrenceville, GA Margaret Beal - Greensboro, NC Bill Chalker - Southern Pines, NC Kevin Chappell - Jonesboro, GA Timothy & Lindsay Conlan - Charlotte, NC Colby Cunningham - Winston Salem, NC Bonnie Glenn - Laurinburg, NC Minor Glenn – Laurinburg, NC Robert Heston - Wellington, CO Martha Johnson - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL Caitlin Johnston - New Braunfels, TX Anastasia Kean - Coatesville, PA Wat Keys - Cary, NC Thomas Linning - Jacksonville, FL Michael & Tammy Matthews - Charleston, SC Judi McClain & Sharon Kirkpatrick - Plano, TX Dennis McCracken & Brenda Murphy - Aberdeen, NC Jennifer McKinzie - Charlotte, NC Tracey McKinzie - Wilmington, NC Robert Philp - Hermitage, TN Carol Savage - Kokomo, IN Evelyn Shaw - Chapel Hill, NC Beth Sumpter - Rosman, NC John Wheatley - Columbus, OH Crystal & Patricia Whitfield - Anderson, SC Ted Williams - Sumter, SC Samuel & Teddy Witherspoon - Cary. NC Jeff & Barbara Acree - Marion, NC Joe & Suzanne Arnold - Norfolk, VA Harold & Jennifer Bailey - Chipley, FL Gerald Bothwell - Crossville, TN Kimberlee Bradford- Beverly Hills, CA John & Kay Bullard - Pinehurst, NC Jill Burleson - Durham, NC Clan Hamilton Society - Vernon Hills, IL Kenneth Cole - Arden, NC Robert Craig - Fort Worth, TX John Cunningham & Betty Turpin - Beachwood, OH Michael Davison - Myrtle Beach, SC Gregory & Diana Dixon - Lubbock, TX Paul Ferguson - Tacoma, WA Rachel Gatliff & Vince Bolone - Versailles, KY Douglas & Constance Hall - Sugar Grove, NC Wesley & Melissa Harris - Hickory, NC Mark & Rebecca Hites - Lenoir, NC Edwin & Valerie Holcombe - Hendersonville, NC David & Linda Huffine - Richmond, VA Beth Johnston - Gaston, SC Robert Kincaid - Pensacola, FL Michael Kryszak – Austin, TX John Lentz - Glade Spring, VA Ricky & Christiana Lowe - La Grange, KY Joseph MacDonald - Grosse Pointe, MI Robert McAllister - Santee, CA Beacham & Lynn McDougald Laurinburg, NC

Darryl & Nicki Meisel - Smithfield, Ontario Charles & Nancy Miller - Mechanicsville, VA Liam & Nel Nichols - Wilmington, NC Irwin & Ellen Pentland - Banner Elk, NC Michael Peterson & Mary Zaha - Asheville, NC Suzanne Porter - Escondido, CA Richard Powell - Syracuse, NY William Rodgers - Myrtle Beach, SC William & Sandra Simpson - Pahrump, NV Mike & Cathi Spath - Jacksonville, FL Michael Stead - Marathon, FL Michael & Kathleen Stoiko - Wilmington, NC Lesley Stranger - Virginia Beach, VA Sylvia Talley & Frank Harms - Atlanta, GA Mary AnnTatman - Wimauma, FL Don & Jane Vaught - Midlothian, VA Teri Wiest - Oak Ridge, TN Dawn Wise - Chicago, IL Ray & Peigi Wise - Cornelius, NC Priscilla Woodmansee - Cloverdale, VA Denise Zink - Winston Salem, NC

RENEWING

Daniel & Colleen Caldwell - Mount Pleasant, PA Stephen & Susan Cobb – Fredonia, NY Melinda Dean - Salt Lake City, UT Dennis & Rachel Del Mauro – Swansboro, NC John & Elaine Denton - Middleville, MI Roger Ferguson – Yorktown, VA James & Buffie Festerman – Oceanside, CA Catherine Fort - Castle Hayne, NC

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17-year members, Kenneth & Pam McNeill from Evansville, IN

New members Beacham & Lynn McDougald from Laurinburg, NC

Raspberry Cranachan for a Tasty Summer Delight

This traditional Cranachan recipe is simple yet delicious! It mixes fresh ingredients with classic Scottish flavours like whisky, honey, and oats. Delicious when berries are in season or year-round! This recipe is made to serve in four smaller glasses or two larger glasser -- or make in one big bowl and dish out portions.

Ingredients:

75g Oats (3/4 cup)

2 Tbsp Honey

2 Tbsp Whisky

250g Raspberries (about 2 Cups)

350ml Double Cream (Thick Cream, 1.5 cups)

Instructions:

1. Firstly, toast the oats. You can do this in a pan on the stovetop or in the oven. Put the oats in a dry pan or spread them out on a tray to go under the grill. There will be a nutty sort of smell when they're ready. Keep checking them continuously so they don't burn! Put in a bowl and set aside to cool.



Recipe and photo courtesy of Scottish Scram

- 2. Crush the raspberries in a bowl and set aside, saving a few whole ones for a garnish.
- 3. Whip the cream to stiff peaks. Add the whisky and the honey. Start with a smaller amount and you can always add more to taste.
- 4. Mix the cooled oats through the cream, saving a little for garnish.
- 5. Take the glasses (or bowl) and start to layer the raspberry and cream mixture, ending with cream on top.
- 6. Sprinkle the rest of the oats over the top of the last layer of cream and add a few fresh raspberries for garnish.
- 7. Eat it right away or put it in the fridge for later. The oats will soften a little if left in the fridge.

St. Andrews Dinner to Benefit Scottish Heritage USA

In concert with our 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee his year, a special St. Andrews dinner to celebrate Scottish heritage and culture will held by *The Scottish Gourmet USA* to benefit Scottish Heritage USA.

There will be music, dance

When: Saturday, November 22 from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: The Wyndham Garden at 415 S. Swing Rd in Greensboro, North Carolina

Cost: \$75 per person

Tickets: Purchase at https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/piedmont-st-andrews-dinner Join us for this wonderful evening and support the heritage and cultural

programs of Scottish Heritage USA!



SCOTTISH GOURMET USA

Look for Scottish Heritage USA represented by the American Scottish Foundation at these Highland Games:

Capital District Scottish Games

August 30

Altamont, NY

scotgames.com

Virginia Highland Games

August 30-31

The Plains, VA

vascottishgames.org

New Hampshire Highland Games

September 19-21

Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, NH

nhscot.org

Litchfield Hills Highland Games

September 28

Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT

limerock.com

CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT AT THE GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES



North American Academy of Piping & Drumming Director Cathleen Nixon with SHUSA Treasurer, Craig Long.



North American Champion Fiddler, Connor Civette, entertains members at the SHUSA tent during lunch.



Clyde Mallory and his pal Baldur.



Master Fiddler Jamie Laval and Scottish Heritage USA board member Bill Caudill entertained members and guests at our Diamond Jubilee Gala dinner.



Piper Sam Johnson and volunteer "Haggis Wench" Jenn Begley pipe in the haggis at GMHG 2025.



Scottish Heritage USA board member and Grandfather Mountain Highland Games President Steve Quillin (right) was honored with the prestigious National Tartan Day Award in 2025. Also pictured, Chieftan of the Games, Florian MacLauren.

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