A record crowd of over 130 revelers attended the 6th Annual Tartan Day Ceilidh, celebrated at the Church of the Ascension Community Hall.

It was a splendid event, and an exciting way to celebrate our shared heritage. The Tartan Day Committee, which consisted of Donna Looney and Tricia Young, have been hard at work these many months helping to put together an event that was both fun and educational.

From the menu to the door prizes, it was obvious that they made this a true labor of love. Wonderful job, ladies!

The evening began with the parading of a flaming haggis, led by four pipers and two drummers from the Newport News Police Pipe & Drum Corps.

Drum Corps.

This was followed by very heartfelt remarks by our newly elected president, John McGlynn. And what a stunning recitation he made of the Declaration of Arbroath – made extra memorable by John’s Glasgow brogue! He also recognized some SST members who are no longer with us, namely Russell Darden and Nessie Ambassador Jose Hernandez. They are both dearly missed.

Haggis chef Skip Hunter offered the Grace in the Gaelic, which was very moving, and what followed was a merry feast indeed. Besides the haggis, we enjoyed shepherd’s pie, curried chicken, meat pasties and of course ‘neeps & tatties. We topped it all off with a beautifully decorated cake featuring the SST logo. It was as tasty as it was beautiful. Despite our record crowd, there was plenty of food left over, so no one was shy about taking second helpings.

There was several interesting beers for sale, as well as wine. Soft drinks and coffee were “freebies.” One or two folks enjoyed tippling a flask or two.

From time to time, Board member Donna Looney drew ticket stubs to be claimed as door prizes. What a selection! Prizes ranged from gift certificates, Williamsburg Scottish Festival passes, jewelry and of course whisky!

We had many new faces in the crowd, and many folks expressed an interest in joining the SST. We receive one membership on the spot, with promises of several more. If our goal was to share and celebrate Scottish-American culture with our Hampton Roads neighbors, then we definitely succeeded in that.

About mid-evening, President McGlynn made the announcement about this year’s Baird Memorial scholarship winners. It’s always gratifying to see our Society funds used for such a good cause. Congratulations to all of you! Dick &
The Scottish Society of Tidewater exists to promote the preservation and study of Scottish culture, including music, language, art, history, folklore, dance, literature, athletics, and all other things distinctively Scottish among interested persons in the Hampton Roads, Virginia area and to cooperate with like-minded persons, groups and organizations here and abroad.

A meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Church of Ascension Community Center, 4853 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462-4446. Social time begins at 7:00pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in Scottish culture and history is invited to attend.

P.O. Box 3733, Norfolk, VA 23514-3733  
www.tidewaterscots.org

Dear SST Members,

Wow - it’s been a busy few weeks for your Board since the annual meeting in March. Your new Board was sworn in and furiously set to work on the events of the new SST year.

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade was a start and a busy one as a number of SST members participated, and, of course, the Nessie float lent a festive air to the event.

A primary order of business for us was organizing and putting on the Tartan Day celebration on April 9th, which has come to be a grand annual event for SST. I’m happy to say it was a resounding success. With the assistance of Tom Crouch we had pipers and drummers to start us off. Skip Hunter, who had made a great-tasting (huge) haggis, was then piped in with much fanfare. Then the annual Baird Scholarship awards were presented to three young men. A great thanks to Dave and Nancy Montgomery for selecting such deserving Baird Scholarship award winners.

Then, after a great meal, that I can truly say everyone raved about, thanks to chef par excellence, Mike Bromley and his team as Ascension, the rest of the evening was taken up with lots of singing and dancing. Thanks to the Scottish fiddlers (the youngest of which was only 4 years old), and guitarists, who provided the foot stamping music for the rest of the evening. Thanks to Edward Brash for setting up the sound system as well as playing, and to Lynnette Brash for leading everyone in Scottish dancing. There are so many people to thank. All your board members were actively involved and I must give a special thanks to hard working Donna Looney and Tricia Young for being the Tartan Day Committee.

As part of our charter to support our Scottish culture we recently participated in other local events. March 28 was ODU’s International Cultural Festival at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. This event featured music, performers and the culture of nations from around the world. We didn’t have much advance notice about this, so thank you Tricia Young and Terri Woodward for representing us there. April 17 was the annual Hampton Children’s International Festival. Kat Gilland organizes a Scottish booth, and Donna Looney and myself went over to help out and represent SST. This is a great event for kids of all ages.

Our next charge I believe is twofold. Firstly, I want us to be responsive to you, the SST membership. To do that we need our members to be as active as possible in the society. You have the ideas, the love of things Scottish, and the inspiration to make the SST more responsive to your needs. We need you to share your ideas and whenever possible, to get involved. Get on one of the standing committees, or form a committee of your choice. Get out to the monthly meetings and let yourself be heard.

Secondly, following on the same theme of the first item, we want an interesting and informative program calendar for the coming year. I’d really like your input on this. So please, let any of the Board members know what you’d like to see. Our email addresses are listed on this page.

Next meeting is Wednesday May 5th at Ascension. See you there, and until then…Slainte Mhath, John McGlynn
The SST elected its slate of officers for 2010 at the Annual Meeting in March. We had a wonderful and strong group from which to choose. The results are as follows:

- President - John McGlynn
- Vice President - Tricia Young
- Treasurer - Jeanne Rider
- Secretary - Lucy Withington

To all of the new and returning officers, have a great term and thank you for your service to the SST!

DID YOU FORGET?

Don’t be a dues scofflaw! If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

As you know, membership dues are the biggest revenue source for the Society. So membership renewals are very important!

If you choose to receive the Thistledown Newsletter electronically, family membership is $25, and individual membership is $15. If you choose to receive a hard copy of the newsletter via US Mail, family membership is $30, and individual membership is $20.

You should have received an application in the mail. If you did not, or if you’ve misplaced it, you can either download it from our website www.tidewaterscots.org, or contact Marcey Hunter.

You may mail your application and payment directly to Marcey Hunter, membership chair, or just bring it with you to the next meeting.

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-- Thanks!
John Maxwell, left, and Skip Hunter lead the fearsome Nessie through the streets of Ocean View.

SST member Erin Morrissey, right, and friends show their spirit.
A Note from Scott MacGregor, St. Baldrick’s Volunteer “Shavee”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed toward my efforts in raising funds for St. Baldrick’s children’s cancer research in honor of Jose Andres Hernandez. While every donation, whether large or small, was greatly appreciated and all will go a long way towards finding a cure, there are a few that I would like to recognize. These are lead by the Newport News Police Pipes and Drums (Jose was an honorary drummer), the Irish Society of Tidewater and its members, Clan Forbes, and the Coopers. Some of the Irish counties recognized were: Donegal, Clare, and Carlow. Other Scottish Clans recognized were: Ferguson, Hunter, Chisholm, McGlynn, Montgomery, and of course Gregor.

My personal goal this year was to raise $1,500 towards the team’s goal of $5,000. At this time, through the gracious help of my family, friends, and co-workers I’ve raised a total of $1,448, just $52 shy of this goal. If you missed the original opportunity to donate it’s not too late, you can still visit my shavee page at http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/364717 and provide your support.

For those that notice and question the stubble in my “after picture,” it is a liability issue that they cannot give a razor shave down to the scalp.

Again thank-you for all your support in this endeavor. I couldn’t have done it without you and your support.

Sincerely,

Scott MacGregor
The SST will soon be purchasing a block of tickets for the Saturday, May 1st performance of the Virginia International Tattoo. The show will be at the Norfolk Scope, and begins at 7:30 p.m.

The cost is $29.75 per ticket for members.

To purchase your tickets, send your request, via e-mail, to George Phillips at gpphish@aol.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at the society March meeting.

Don't miss this electrifying performance!

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2010 Baird Memorial Scholarship Recipients

At the Tartan Day Ceilidh, President John McGlynn announced the recipients of the Baird Memorial Scholarship for 2010. This year, three deserving recipients were chosen:

♦ Craig William Stanford of Chesapeake. He is presently a master's degree student in Scottish history and archaeology at the Univ. of Aberdeen. He plans to work in archaeology, "getting his hands dirty." His mother is a natural born Scot.

♦ Ian Amorosi. He attended SST meetings regularly with his family until they were sent to Italy with the US Navy. He is presently a student at University of St. Andrews in Scotland and is studying Medieval and Scottish History and Archaeology. He plans to teach. He was in the Gaelic class as well before moving away. He has joined a fiddle club in Scotland and plays in local pubs and open mic nights.

♦ Brendan Sweeney of Newport News, VA. He is a structural engineer and is a student in the Gaelic class. He plans to use the scholarship to attend the Gaelic Song and Language Week at Grandfather Mountain. When he becomes fluent in Gaelic he intends to spread the language through the Tidewater area.

The purpose of the Baird Scholarship is to provide financial support toward the study of Scottish culture. This includes, but is not limited to, Scottish music, dance, language, literature, history, genealogy, politics and religion.

Congratulations to all of you!

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Where did the term “Tattoo” come from, referring to the military ceremony?

It dates from the seventeenth century when the British Army was fighting in the Low Countries (Belgium and The Netherlands). Drummers from the garrison were sent out into the towns at 21:30 hrs (9:30PM) each evening to inform the soldiers that it was time to return to barracks. The process was known as doe den tap toe (old-Dutch for "turn off the tap"), an instruction to innkeepers to stop serving beer and send the soldiers home for the night. The drummers continued to play until the curfew at 22:00 hrs (10:00PM).
Flowers of the Forest
Leonard M. "Doc" Hudson
Newport News, Virginia
Drum Major Emeritus of NNPDP&D

This and That...

♦ Nancy & Dave Montgomery will be leaving us soon! They've sold their Virginia Beach home, and will be moving to the Fredericksburg area to be closer to their daughter. While this will be a happy move for them, we will miss them dearly. Please keep in touch!

♦ Nancy & CG Miller were recently featured in the Virginian-Pilot’s celebration section on the event of their 30th wedding anniversary. The article detailed Nancy & CG’s wedding, which was “interrupted” by the Blizzard of 1980 as over a foot of snow fell in Roanoke, where they were wed. Congratulations on your many years of wedded bliss!

♦ John McGlynn & Donna Looney recently spent several days sunning and funning in Jamaica. Many rum punches were enjoyed, and both John & Donna appreciated the “R&R.” Unfortunately, John suffered a painful sunburn on his feet! SPF 40 next time, John!

♦ Skip and Marcey Hunter will be trekking to the Ontario area to attend the Fergus Highland Games. Skip’s family from New York, including his grandmother who is 90+ years young, will also be attending. Clan Hunter will be well represented, indeed!

♦ It’s wedding bells for Megan Amorosi! She and Patrick Baker will get hitched on Saturday, May 1 in Naples, Italy. After years of swearing off Navy men, one finally caught her! Happens to all of us, Megan! Congratulations!

♦ Are you on FACEBOOK? If so, the SST now has its own group on Facebook. As of April 24th, 42 people had joined and are now sharing events, pictures and videos. Some photos and a couple videos of the Tartan Day Ceilidh have been popular items. It’s an open group, which means anybody can join and all SST members are encouraged to bring their photos and other articles of interest to the Society. Please invite your friends in the Tidewater area to join too, even if they aren't members of the SST. Come look for us at http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=360862617711. Online, but not on Facebook? It's easy and free to join at http://www.facebook.com.
Olive Baird would be very proud, indeed.

Stacy Apelt donated several wonderful items for raffle – a filet knife, lovely pearl necklace, and hand-made cufflinks made of antique six- and three-pence pieces. Skip Hunter won the filet knife, which no doubt he will use during future preparations of haggis. Thanks to Stacy’s generosity, $150 was raised for the SST Baird Scholarship.

Then some lively Scottish Dancing began. Lynnette Fitch Brash did an excellent and fun job of "calling" the dances, and as advertised, no dancing experience was necessary in order to have a smashing good time on the dance floor!

Our “session musicians” did just an amazing job of entertaining us with traditional and lively Scottish tunes. We are so fortunate to have such a talented group of folks to help us celebrate not only Tartan Day, but many other events throughout the year.

One of the highlights was the debut of Colin McGlynn, John’s grandson, and his rendition of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” on the wee fiddle. It is evident that he will be as gifted a fiddler as his granddad some day!

11:00 p.m. came far too quickly, and a weary but happy Tartan Day Committee began clean up duties.

A tremendous THANK YOU to our energetic, creative and dedicated planning committee. Your hard work was very evident, and deeply appreciated. Thanks also to Ascension and to Mike Bromley for making it all possible. We are so grateful.

Plans are already underway for next year’s event, so stay tuned!
Dave Montgomery, left, and Larry Crocker.

Grace & Frank Brown.

From left, Heidi May, Connie Smith, Cheryl Brown, and Lynnette Fitch Brash.

Terri Woodward, left, and Nancy Montgomery.

Tricia Young and her friend Amir Sadr.

George & Brenda Phillips
A RE-ENACTMENT society helped to turn the clock back to the 18th century as the 264th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden was marked at the weekend. Six members of US-based MacFarlanes Company, (see article below) wearing Jacobite outfits, welcomed people to the battlefield visitor centre to the east of Inverness.

The Gaelic Society of Inverness held its annual memorial service at the battlefield cairn on Saturday morning, while a lecture was given by Professor Christopher Duffy in the afternoon. The anniversary of the 1746 battle was also commemorated on Friday when pipers played for 30 minutes at the battlefield cairn.

After their visit to Inverness, MacFarlanes Company members will now travel to a Culloden in North America living history event in New York state.

What is MacFarlanes’ Company?

MacFarlanes’ Company is a volunteer organization that uses Living History presentations to teach people primarily about the rich history and culture of Scotland and the Scottish diaspora in North America. MacFarlanes' Company raises funds to support the outstanding stewardship and preservation work done by The National Trust for Scotland. The Company and the NTS work together to encourage an understanding and appreciation of Scotland's unique heritage on both sides of the Atlantic.

MacFarlanes' Company Living History Troupe prepares for each season with their winter and spring spent in research, documentation, and travel. The Company makes its Living History presentations in the United States, Canada, and Scotland. All money generated by the work of MacFarlanes’ Company is donated directly to nonprofit organizations like the National Trust and others. The Company has earned a reputation for the quality of its work, the authenticity of its presentations, and the amount of research that goes into its endeavors. Most importantly, the Company is recognized for providing events with a strong historical base in a user-friendly manner.

The National Trust for Scotland works hard each year to showcase Scotland, the land and its people, their history and culture. MacFarlanes’ Company joins with The National Trust in these efforts, and promotes them by cultural exchange programs, event presentations, and teaching. The Trust has the responsibility to preserve and make accessible historic, cultural, and environmental sites in Scotland, large and small. MacFarlanes’ Company is proud to be associated with this organization and these projects.

The Company is widely known and its programs are eagerly anticipated by people of all ages. The group's historical and clothing presentations are augmented by demonstrations, games, and other activities. The Company is actively involved in: historic preservation, museum and historical site consultation, teaching at schools and universities, research requests, and the collection and preservation of rare/out-of-print books and newspapers. In addition to Scottish living history, members of the Company teach at historical conferences, present "Robert Burns and Friends", portray French and Indian War and War of 1812 units, make appearances and presentations about early American history, work at Scottish Games and Celtic events, and do a myriad of other activities.

MacFarlanes’ Company works under the auspices of The National Trust for Scotland, the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, Scottish Heritage USA, and the Clan MacFarlane Society International.

http://www.macfarlanescompany.org/
The Gaelic Corner

Call for investment in Gaelic to show it has uses in modern world

Scotsman.com, 13 April 2010
by CRAIG BROWN

THE professor who is to take up the first chair of Gaelic in Scotland has called for greater investment in the language, despite the spending pressures brought about by the recession.

Professor Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh is assuming the permanent post at Glasgow University.

The chair has been created to recognise the university as a centre of excellence for the study of Celtic culture and Gaelic.

The announcement came after Glasgow City Council launched its first Gaelic language plan under the terms of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 last week.

Speaking yesterday, Prof Ó Maolalaigh said that he felt that the appointment was key to a long-term commitment to the language.

"There is an important principal there in the sense that it is an investment in the future and recognition of its renewed status in Scotland. I see that as being fundamentally important."

Prof Ó Maolalaigh has been with the university for the past five years as a personal chair of Gaelic studies.

The announcement means that another professor will be appointed to the post when he decides to leave or retire.

He acknowledged there was a debate about the investment in a minority language during a recession but said it was important that the language was supported.

"I would rather use the word 'minoritised' than 'minority', and by doing that it highlights the fact that the decline of Gaelic is as a result of deliberate policies," he said.

"Scottish Gaelic is on the decline in Scotland, and if we're serious about stemming that decline, then we need to do something about it, and one of those things is to make it more attractive to younger people – by normalising the language and making people see that it has uses in the modern world."

Glasgow has already taken steps in bringing the language into the mainstream, having introduced Scotland's first dedicated Gaelic-medium primary school in 1999.

Provision was extended to include secondary level educa-

Arthur Cormack, chairman of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the body set up by the Scottish Government to promote Gaelic, said of the appointment: "The university has established itself as a world leader in Celtic and Gaelic education and research. It is entirely fitting that Professor Roibeard Ó Maolalaigh be appointed as the first occupant of this chair as he has done much over the years to further advance the cause of Gaelic both nationally and internationally."

Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning Keith Brown agreed.

"This is very good news," he said. "This decision demonstrates Glasgow's clear commitment to this important aspect of our heritage and raises the status of the Gaelic language in Scottish higher education. This is also very encouraging for all those involved at all levels in Gaelic promotion in the university, and in Scottish education generally."
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- Submitted by Nancy Miller, MSLS, Virginia Beach Public Library

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By Gwen Kirkwood

The sequel to Secrets in the Heather - Young Libby Pringle has inherited her parents love of the Scottish glens and through it strikes up a special friendship with Billy Lennox, the Lairds illegitimate grandson. But when tragedy strikes, Billy blames himself, and is assailed by dark moods. He moves to Yorkshire to start a new life, but is forced to ask whether he can stay away from the glens and from the friends of his childhood . . .

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**Elegy - Written in Spring**

’Tis past: the iron North has spent his rage;  
Stern Winter now resigns the lengthening day,  
The stormy howlings of the winds assuage,  
And warm o’er ether western breezes play.  
Of genial heat and cheerful light the source,  
From summer climes, beneath another sky,  
The sun, returning, wheels his golden course:  
Before his beams all noxious vapors fly.  
Far to the north grim Winter draws his train,  
To his own clime, to Zembla’s frozen shore;  
Where, throned on ice, he holds eternal reign;  
Where whirlwinds madden, and where tempests roar.  
Loosed from the bands of frost, the verdant ground  
Again puts on her robe of cheerful green,  
Again puts forth her flowers; and all around  
Smiling, the cheerful face of Spring is seen.  
Behold! the trees new deck their withered boughs;  
Their ample leaves, the hospitable plane,  
The taper elm, and lofty ash disclose;  
The blooming hawthorn variegates the scene.  
The lily of the vale, of flowers the queen,  
Puts on the robe she neither sewed nor spun;  
The birds on ground, or on the branches green,  
Hop to and fro, and glitter in the sun.

Soon as o’er eastern hills the morning peers,  
From her low nest the tufted lark upsprings;  
And, cheerful singing, up the air she steers;  
Still high she mounts, still loud and sweet she sings.  
Now is the time for those who wisdom love,  
Who love to walk in virtue’s flowery road,  
Along the lovely paths of Spring to rove,  
And follow Nature up to Nature’s God.

This poem by Michael Bruce (1746-1767) was one of many he wrote about the countryside. He was born in Kinross-shire where his father was a weaver. Although his father taught him to read before he was four years old, the young lad’s attendance at school was often interrupted because in the summer he had to herd cattle on the Lomond Hills overlooking Loch Leven. He was able to go to the University of Edinburgh for four winter sessions. He later became a divinity student at Kinross. But he became seriously ill and died of consumption at the early age of 21, leaving behind a legacy of some fine poems.

Rampantscotland.com
Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 30 - May 2
Virginia International Tattoo
The SST has purchased discounted tickets to the
Saturday, May 1 performance.
For tickets, contact George Phillips at
Gpphhish@aol.com

May 5
SST Meeting
Church of the Ascension Community Center
7pm social visiting, 7:30 meeting and program
Program: C.G. Miller presents The History of Kilts:
Knobby Knees and the sexy swish of
pleated Tartan.
Please bring a snack to share.

June 2
SST Meeting
Church of the Ascension Community Center
7pm social visiting, 7:30 meeting and program
Program: John McGlynn presents Travelogue:
Scotland from a Native Perspective
Please bring a snack to share.

June 12-13
Potomac Celtic Festival
Leesburg, VA
http://www.potomaccelticfest.org/

July 8-11
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games
MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain
near Linville, NC
http://www.gmhg.org/

Remember, the SST monthly meetings are now held on the
first Wednesday of the month at
the Church of the
Ascension Community Center
4853 Princess Anne Road
Virginia Beach VA

A Message from Our President:
“A word about our meetings at Ascension. First, we had a heck of a job
locking in dates at the library, and we were very limited in what we could
do there. We looked at a number of places before we found Ascension.
Its location is very central and has good faculties for any special events,
e.g. Tartan day. The only “charge” for the use of their hall is that we
bring some food items for their food pantry. It’s a good choice and a
good fit for the SST.”

John
A Taste of Whisky
Enjoying the Uisege Beatha, the “Water of Life”

Various & Sundry Whisky News

The 16th annual Malt Advocate Whisky Awards were recently announced on Malt Advocate magazine Publisher John Hansell's blog, What Does John Know?

The categories and award winners are:

- Artisan Whiskey of the Year (operating 10 years or less): Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey (Batch #49)
- American Whiskey of the Year: Parker's Heritage Collection "Golden Anniversary"
- Canadian Whisky of the Year: Crown Royal Cask No. 16
- Irish Whisky of the Year: Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve (2009 release)
- Scotch Whisky: Blend of the Year: Compass Box, "The Peat Monster"
- Scotch Whisky: Single Malt of the Year: Ardbeg Corryvreckan
- Industry Leader of the Year: Mark Brown, President and CEO of Buffalo Trace Distillery
- Distillery of the Year: Cooley
- Pioneer of the Year: Whisky bloggers
- Lifetime Achievement Award: John Ramsay & Robert Hicks

Also announced were the Top Ten New Whiskies for 2009 (listed alphabetically):
- Ardbeg Corryvreckan
- Brora 30 year old (2009 Release)
- Dalmore 50 year old
- Gold Bowmore, 1964 Vintage
- Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve (2009 Release)
- Laphroaig 25 year old
- Pappy Van Winkle's Family Reserve (Bottle B1986)
- Parker's Heritage Selection Golden Anniversary
- Rittenhouse Rye 25 year old (Barrel #1)

Glenfiddich in the news...

Glenfiddich is paying a tribute to the old tradition of aging drinks in wooden tuns by launching Glenfiddich Rich Oak 14 Y.O. single malt Scotch whisky, brought to perfection in barrels made from American and European oak.

Brian Kinsman, Glenfiddich’s Malt Master, comments, “Glenfiddich is proud to launch a line of special single-malt whiskey, and I’m truly honoured to introduce whisky, which is produced in the original Glenfiddich traditions. I believe that the new and complex harmony of the rich palette, achieved by aging in natural oak barrels, will impress whisky-lovers all round the world.”

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The Malt Advocate Whisky Awards exist to recognize excellence in the world of whisky. Now in their sixteenth year, these awards are the oldest and longest-running annual whisky awards program. They honor the world’s greatest whiskies and distilleries, and the individuals who make and promote them. To be eligible for this year’s awards, products must have been sold in the U.S. during the 2009 calendar year.

Slainte Mhath!
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Jeff Kuti, owner & SST member