



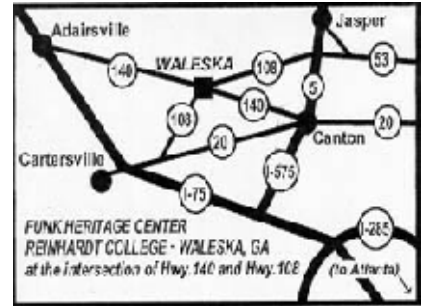
**You are cordially invited to join the Ulster-Scots Society of America
as we celebrate our history and heritage!**

- What:** 2nd Annual Convention of the Ulster-Scots Society of America
- When:** Friday, October 14, 2005 (6:00 pm – 10:00 pm)
Saturday, October 15, 2005 (9:00 pm – 12:00 noon)
- Where:** Holiday Inn Express* (Friday evening)
*Discounted group rate \$79.95, suites an additional \$10.00
713 Transit Ave., I-575 Exit 20
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-7300
Email: hiecanton@alltel.net
Directions: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/direction/catga>
- The Funk Heritage Center (Saturday Morning)
7300 Reinhardt College Circle
Waleska, GA 30183-2981
Phone 770-720-5970
- Featuring:** **Billy Kennedy**, Author and Editor of *The Ulster-Scot*
The Gwinnett Chorale Guild, singing selections from “On Eagle’s Wing”
Dr. Joe Kitchens, Director - Funk Heritage Center
- Cost:** \$25 per person includes wine and cheese reception, dinner, and admission to the Heritage Center. Please remit your payment by October 7th directly to Robert Babb, Treasurer, Ulster-Scots Society of America at 116 Talicud Trail, Apex, NC 27539. Your check should be made out to the Ulster-Scots Society of America. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel.
- Questions & Local Contact:** Melinda Shannon Freels
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Agenda:

Friday, Oct. 14th at the Holiday Inn Express

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Wine and Cheese Reception
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm	Catered Buffet Dinner
7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Break
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Billy Kennedy Lecture and Book Signing
8:30 pm – 9:00 pm	"On Eagle's Wing" Presentation
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	General Meeting/Elections (Members only)



Saturday, Oct. 15th at Funk Heritage Center - Reinhardt College

9:00am – 9:30 am	Meet and Greet, Coffee
9:30am – 10:00 am	Dr. Joe Kitchens Lecture
10:00am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15am – 12:00 noon	Guided Tour of Heritage Center

This should be a wonderful weekend! While in the Atlanta area, you'll want to check out the famous Stone Mountain Highland Games which are going on this weekend. More information is available online at <http://www.smhg.org/> or by email at webmaster@smhg.org. Driving time from the hotel in Canton to Stone Mountain is approximately one hour.

Other recommended sites are nearby Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield and historic Marietta Square featuring the Gone with the Wind Museum and many fabulous antique shops. You may want to take in historic Roswell with its many art galleries, Bulloch Hall and Smith Plantation. Chickamauga Battlefield is approximately 60 miles north of Canton. And of course, for the more adventurous, downtown Atlanta beckons with world-class shopping and dining! Please contact Melinda directly if you would like more information on any of these places.

About Author – Journalist Billy Kennedy

Billy Kennedy is a journalist of wide recognition in Northern Ireland for over 30 years. With the Ulster/Belfast News Letter, a newspaper founded in 1737, he has been a news editor, assistant editor, and leader writer. He is also a public relations consultant, author, and lecturer. His abiding interest is in the Scots-Irish settlement on the American frontier, and through his authorship, Billy Kennedy has lectured in major cities and towns in the southeastern Appalachian region, on the eastern seaboard, and in Texas.

Funk Heritage Center

Located on the picturesque Reinhardt College campus in Waleska, Georgia, the Funk Heritage Center is in a contemporary building inspired by Indian designs. The museum interprets the story of the Southeastern Indians and the early Appalachian settlers through dioramas, interactive displays, artifacts and exhibits of contemporary Native American art. On the museum's grounds is a recreated early 19th century settlers' village. There is also a special "Tools of the Trades" exhibit which features thousands of tools from more than 100 crafts and trades, many dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. Guided tours of the museum take 90 minutes.

The 33rd Annual Stone Mountain Games

The annual celebration takes place over a three-day weekend period primarily in one of two venues: The Festival grounds on the meadow at Stone Mountain Park and the Host Hotel (Marriott Century Center). For those new to our festival you might expect something akin to a three-ring circus... only on a much bigger scale. The festival grounds are divided into three main meadow areas featuring non-stop activities. Add to this, smaller surrounding areas featuring competition on Highland Bagpipes, Drums, Highland Dance and Harping. If this is not enough there are two stage performance areas featuring musical acts from around the country, a stage area for Scottish Country Dance exhibitions, and Fiddling workshops and you find almost too much to see in one day (or even one weekend). This is of course not all that is offered. As evening falls, more formal events move indoors to the Host Hotel convention facilities. Events taking place at this location include an Invitational Piping Competition, Whiskey Tasting Seminar, Sponsor's welcoming reception and a fabulous final "Scottish Evening" featuring entertainment and dancing (of a Scottish nature of course).