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May and June Events: Community Outreach, Picnicking, and (Maybe) Pubbing

Please join us on **Saturday, May 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, at the Crossings at Bon Air retirement center, where we will take part in a program for its residents.

The Scottish Society will join the Irish American Society of Richmond and the Richmond Scottish Country Dancers in a Celtic-themed afternoon for residents and their visitors. This is a nice opportunity for SSR community outreach, to raise our profile, and perhaps recruit a few members among visitors to the Crossings. We will have an information table, as will the IAS, and the Dancers will perform for those in attendance. Scottish attire is strongly suggested for those who come to lend a hand at the table.

We will have no regular Thursday night program in May. We are trying to put together another pub night instead. You'll be updated about when and where if this is confirmed.

It is definite that our annual summer picnic will once again be held at the home of Margaret Duckworth (5909 Old Orchard Road, Henrico), on **Saturday, June 22, starting at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a dish to share.

(In case of inclement weather that day, we'll postpone until the next Saturday, the 29th.)

We have a very little bit of business that day (swearing in of newly elected or reelected Board members), but most of the day is just for relaxation, fellowship, and food. We hope to see you there!

This is our last event of the Society Year, after which we'll pick up with our new year in September. You will, however, continue to receive newsletters in the interim. Our July/August issue will keep you up to date.

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, along with more and better programs we can all attend.

And 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!

Virginia's Scottish Place Names

Those in attendance at our program on April 18 learned something, through an interactive exercise, about Virginia's connection to Scotland through shared or inspired place names.

From Alexandria to Annandale, from Dumfries to Dumbarton, Virginia has a wealth of place names taken from Scottish sources.

Some of these are more familiar to Richmonders, like Midlothian,

or the James River (named for King James of Scotland and Britain), Ettrick, and perhaps Scotland (home of the ferry), but others are more remote from our area, like Gretna (named after Gretna Green), Glasgow, and Haymarket.

Interestingly, most of the places we identified come from the Lowlands rather than Highlands, perhaps indicating a stronger influence by Lowland Scots and Scots-Irish.



Ruins of the Grove Shaft air-pumping station, now part of the Mid-Lothian Mines Park.



Message From the President

Much of what I have to say this time is found elsewhere in the newsletter, so this will be a short one!

I would like to thank the folks who turned out to march in the Church Hill Irish Festival Parade, those who came out to our March Pub Night, and those who made it to our April program. I'd like to see more of you at more events—I realize some events might not be “doable” for some of you, but it would be nice to see an increase in participation. Take a look at our events in the

article below this one.

Join me in welcoming Ann Terril-Scholte to the SSR Board—we look forward to her input into the running of the Society!

As well as participation, to put it frankly, we need your money! Please pay heed to the reminder on this page about renewing your membership with dues payments. The cost is still very much a bargain!

Welcome, also, to our new members. I hope you'll enjoy your acquaintanceship with the

Society, and will in turn bring in other members.

I wish you a pleasant late spring and early summer, and will talk to you again soon.

Mar sin leibh an dràsda (bye for now),

Joseph



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).

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

Sunday, May 5: Kirkin' of the Tartans at Historic Christ Church, Irvington, VA, 12:30

Monday, May 6: Board Meeting, Trinity UMC, 7:00 p.m.*

Saturday, May 11: Bathabara Celtic Festival, Winston-Salem, NC

TBA, May: Pub Night*

May 17-19: Smoky Mountains Highland Games, Maryville, TN

Saturday, May 18: Celtic event at Crossings at Bon Air Retirement home, 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

May 24-26: Greenville (SC) Scottish Games and Festival

May 30-June 2: Glasgow (KY) Highland Games

June 1-2: McHenry (MD) Highland Festival

June 14-15: Western North Carolina Highlands Celtic Festival, Asheville, NC

Saturday, June 22: Scottish Society Picnic, home of Margaret Duckworth, *

(If rained out, we'll reschedule for the 29th)

Upcoming: July 11-14, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC

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

Events in Scotland, May-June

May 2-6: Spirit of Speyside Festival, Aberlour, Moray

May 12: Gourrock Highland Games, Gourrock, Renfrewshire

May 16-26: Perth Festival of the Arts, Perth

May 18-25: Wild Lochaber Festival, An Aird, Fort William

May 23-26: Orkney Folk Festi-

val, Stromness, Orkney

May 25-26: Blair Atholl Gathering and Highland Games, Blair Atholl, Perthshire

June 1: Taste of Grampian (food festival), Inverurie, Aberdeenshire

June 6-9: Arran Folk Festival, Machrie, Isle of Arran

June 7-16: Leith Festival, Edin-

burgh

June 8-14: Pitlochry Golf Week, Pitlochry, Perthshire

June 9: Strathmore Highland Games, Glamis, Angus

June 21-23: Solas Festival, Tibbermore, Perth

June 26-30: Glasgow International Jazz Festival



Recipe: Selkirk Bannock

Ingredients:

3/4 Cup Milk
 1/2 Cup Butter
 3 Cups Bread Flour
 2 Tablespoons White Sugar
 1 (.25 oz.) pkg. instant yeast
 1/2 Teaspoon salt
 2 1/2 Cups Golden Raisins
 1 Egg Yolk
 1 Tablespoon Water

Directions:

In a small saucepan heat milk to simmering and remove from heat. Mix in the butter and stir until melted. Let cool until lukewarm.

In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, yeast and salt. Stir lukewarm milk into flour mixture until a soft dough is formed. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Lightly oil a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour.

Deflate the dough and turn it out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in raisins

and shape into a large round loaf. Place the loaf on a lightly greased baking sheet, cover with a damp cloth and let rise until doubled in volume, about 60 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a small bowl, beat together egg yolk and water.

Brush risen loaf with egg yolk mixture. Bake in preheated oven until loaf is golden and bottom sounds hollow when tapped, about 40 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Makes one large loaf.

(From: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/selkirk-bannock/detail.aspx>)



CNN names Scotland as world's top travel destination for 2013

A NEW campaign to promote Scotland's natural beauty has got off to a flying start after the country was named the world's top travel destination in 2013.

CNN Travel's feature cites the newly-unveiled Scottish National Trail, Scotland's "pristine lochs and haunting glens", and the dramatic countryside featured in Bond film *Skyfall* as key reasons to visit.

Major events like the HebCelt music festival and the Open golf

championship are also cited in the travel website's annual guide to latest "hot" destinations, which says there is no better time to visit than the Year of Natural Scotland.

The year-long initiative was instigated by the Scottish Government as part of a series of themed years in the run-up to the second Year of Homecoming, which is being held next year to coincide with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles.

The Year of Natural Scotland is aimed at raising awareness of Scotland as "a land of outstanding beauty", while promoting ways to enjoy spectacular landscapes, wildlife and heritage sites responsibly.

Among the bodies backing the initiative are Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, EventScotland, Creative Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland.

(from <http://www.scotland.org/news>)



Member News

Welcome to new members:

Paul and Jane Fletcher of Richmond

Martha C. Clements & Malcolm Warneford Thompson of Richmond

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

Our best wishes go to Gloria Cahen for a full return to health

in her recovery—especially around her June 9 birthday!

Ann Terril-Scholte has been elected to the SSR Board! Welcome, Ann!

Please let us know if you have any pertinent news to pass along in the next newsletter; also if your birthday was not listed—we'll enter your day in our database for birthday wishes if you provide it.



Clan Profile: Clan Cameron (from <http://www.clan-cameron.org/basics.html>)



The Clan Cameron has a recorded history from the fifteenth century, although unsubstantiated histories have its roots reaching back to the supposed first chief, Angus Cameron, living about the year 1000. They resided in the "Cameron Country" of Lochaber, an area roughly 12 by 16 miles near the present day town of Fort William, in Scotland's West Highlands. The history of the Camerons, as a Scottish clan, is an extensive and often combative one, for that was how men learned to survive and live another day.

In each clan there were several "subaltern" tribes (in Clan Cameron's instance these would be the Camerons of Letterfinlay, Glen Nevis, Callart/Lundavra, Erracht and Clunes). Each tribe "owned" their dependence to their own immediate chieftain, but all agreed in owing allegiance to the Supreme Chief of the Clan. In ideal circumstances they looked upon it to be their duty to support him in all his endeavors

Clan Cameron is fortunate to have a hereditary chief, descended directly from the earliest days of Camerons living in Lochaber. Since the year 1528 the chief of Clan Cameron have been called "Lochiel." If you had a Cameron ancestor living in Scotland, odds are they followed an ancestor of the present Lochiel as their chief. The XXVII hereditary chief of Clan Cameron, who like so many of his ancestors resides at Achnacarry is Donald Cameron of Lochiel.

There are two possible meaning for the surname "Cameron." Unfortunately, both are no more than theoretical explanations, with the surname's definitive meaning lost somewhere in the distant past. 1) Crooked Nose: From the Gaelic "cam," which means "crooked," "bent" or "hook" and "shron," which means "nose." Together they make up "Camshron," the more accepted/popular meaning behind the Cameron surname. The "sh" and "o" are for the most part silent when pronounced. 2) Crooked Hill: From the Gaelic "cam," once again meaning "crooked," "bent" or "hook" and "brun," meaning "hill." This name, "Cambrun," was popular in Fife, Scotland and if not categorically connected with the Camerons of the Highlands, may be the source of "Lowland" Cameron surname in some instances.



Cameron Tartans:

Left to right: **Basic Cameron, Cameron of Lochiel, Cameron of Erracht, Hunting Cameron (of Lochiel)**

May, June in Scottish History

May 1, 1707: The Act of Union with Great Britain was signed.

May 2, 1779: Novelist John Galt was born.

May 6, 1999: Election of First Scottish parliament since the Union.

May 7, 1711: Philosopher David Hume was born.

May 20, 635: Battle of Nechtansmere; Pictish victory over the Northumbrians

May 22, 1968: General Assembly of Church of Scotland voted in favor of women ministers

May 26, 1819: The Crown Jewels of Scotland were put on display for the first time since their hiding in 1707.

June 8, 1961: The Seaforth Highlanders amalgamated with the Camerons to form the Queen's Own Highlanders.

June 9, 597: St. Columba died on the Isle of Iona.

June 18, 1815: The Battle of Waterloo was fought in Belgium. Many Scottish regiments took part in the battle, which ended Napoleon's "hundred days". Perhaps the most prominent action involving the Scottish contingent was the combined charge of the Gordon Highlanders and the Scots Greys. A French column with over 4,000 men advanced on the Highlanders, while the Gordons, with only about 300 men, were under strict orders not to give way. As the situation reached its most critical moment, suddenly the Scots Greys appeared on the top of the hills. Both Gordons and Scots Greys in common charged the French column, shouting, "Scotland Forever," with the Gordons hanging on to the stirrups of the cavalry horses.

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**Make checks out to Scottish Society of
Richmond**

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 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.

