



# The Porridge Pot



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## CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Centennial Park in Davenport was the place to be on September 19 & 20 for the annual Celtic Festival. As a part of the Quad-Cities Riverfest, the many attendees and participants were treated to plenty of good music and dance, speciality vendors, food & drink, comraderie with clans proudly sharing information about their histories, strong men and women competing for bragging rights, and much more. Some of the pictures in this quarterly newsletter were taken at the event. Several new members joined while viewing the displays at the Scottish-American Society tent. Thanks to Ty Thomson, Sandi Barnes, Gale & John Hoff, Bill & Mary Sterba, Roger & Karen Stancliff, and Bill & Judy Hawthorne for volunteering their time.



## ST ANDREW'S DINNER Sunday, November 30

11th Street Precinct - 1107 Mound Street in the Village of East Davenport at 5:00 p.m. (Mound Street entrance-by Isabel Bloom-look for flags & bagpiper) Derek Grant (322-2307) is the contact person if you have any questions. Bring your family, tell your friends...

**EVERYBODY IS SCOTTISH ON ST. ANDREW'S DAY!**



## CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 4

The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd. Bettendorf, IA beginning at 6:00 p.m. will again be the location for this year's SAS Christmas Party. Food will be catered by HyVee. Entrees will include a chicken dish, roast beef, and pasta. Everyone is invited to BYOB. Coffee and tea will be provided. There will be a short meeting to elect officers for the next two years - vice president and treasurer. We will also need a new Membership Chairperson. There's a spacious room for you, your family, and friends to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the holiday. You don't have to be a member to attend. Alan & Jan Johnson and Curt & Suzanne Johnson are this year's party planners. Please complete the attached reservation form by no later than December 1.



## THRU THE STONES CONVENTION, December 5 & 6

River Center, Davenport  
In the last Porridge Pot, information was included about an upcoming event that will highlight the "Outlander" series of books by author Diana Gabaldon. These books are centered around Scottish history and the main characters' journey through time. There is also now a T.V. mini-series available on Starz. Also speaking at the event will be Graham McTavish, one of the stars of the mini-series. There will be a trivia night on Friday followed by a full day of workshops, vendors, Scottish lunch, and Scottish dinner with our own Blackhawk Pipes & Drums performing. Gabaldon and McTavish will be speaking following dinner.



## SAMHAIN POTLUCK AT THE HAWTHORNES

This was the second year that SAS celebrated this Celtic season at the Hawthorne residence. As he did last year, Bill shared a bit of information and history about this significant time of year in the Scottish calendar. As is the case in most potlucks, the food was wonderful and there definitely was no shortage of conversation!



**SCOTTISH AMERICAN SOCIETY**

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

Bill Hawthorne will be conducting one of the workshops on his paintings of Scottish castles, and SAS will provide haggis for attendees to sample at lunch as well as setting up a table to provide information about our organization. For more details, you can Google "Thru the Stones."

**AN AMAZING BIKE RIDE IN SCOTLAND**

If you enjoy watching mountain bikers do their thing, or just want to be amazed, look up this site on your computer to view a mountain biker on the Isle of Skye. It's pretty incredible!  
<http://wimp.com/bikerscotland/>

**DONATIONS TO SAS**

Thanks to the Gillies and Douglas families for donations of books and other items that can be used for various SAS displays that our organization is asked to provide from time to time.

**THE MAKING OF THE HAGGIS**

All are welcome to join the haggis chefs on January 10, at 9 am, at The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf. Each year we prepare the haggis for the Burns Dinner and anyone is invited to help. No previous haggis cooking experience required!



**ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION**

**January 24, 2015**

Radisson Quad-City Plaza Davenport  
Letters and reservation forms will be sent out in December for this annual event. Included in the evening will be performances by Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, our own special pageantry such as recitation of "Address to the Haggis", silent auction, very nice door prizes, paintings by Bill Hawthorne, Rampant Lion (vendor of things Scottish), and featured entertainment by Don Estes. Remember to put the date on your calendar so you don't forget! With so many of us having more "things" than we need, this would make a nice Christmas gift for someone dear to you.

**SAS Christmas Party December 4, 2014  
The Manor, 1104 Kimberly Rd., Davenport 6:00 p.m.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 per adult for members

\$15 per adult for non-members

\$5 per child under 12 yrs.

**Send no later than December 1 to:  
Sue Johnson, 2717 Olympia Dr., Bettendorf, IA 52722**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Be sure to send in your renewal to Gale Hoff by January 1, 2015. Complete the attached form and send to Gale with your check so you can continue to receive the Porridge Pot, get your member discount for the Christmas Party, and support the Scottish-American presence in the Quad-Cities.

**SAS Membership Renewal for 2015**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Single (\$9) \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Couple (\$18) \_\_\_\_\_

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