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*“Don't judge
each day by
the harvest
you reap, but
by the seeds
you plant.”
(So said Robert
Louis Stevenson)*



CELTIC FESTIVAL/ HIGHLAND GAMES SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

This year's festival has been extended to a one-and-a-half day event with vendors, entertainment, and a strong-man competition on Friday afternoon/evening and all the other usual features on Saturday - vendors, clans, games, music, clan parade, and more. The location will again be at Centennial Park, 315 S. Marquette St., Davenport. Check on-line at www.celtichighlandgames.org for more details. SAS will have a tent with historical information available. Any members who would be available to volunteer an hour or two to greet festival attendees at our tent are encouraged to contact a Board member.



SAS BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 3 11:30

For anyone interested, the Board will be meeting at Granite City, 5270 Utica Ridge Rd., Davenport. Members are always welcome.

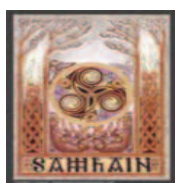


CELTIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

In recognition of its 175th anniversary First Presbyterian Church, 1702 Iowa St., Davenport will celebrate its Scottish heritage with a day full of festivities to entertain and educate.

- 9:00 & 11:00 Celtic Worship Services - will include Scottish music and dedication of tartans or other Celtic symbols. A historical display will be located in Fellowship Hall.
- 11:30-1:00 Ongoing Scottish Buffet Luncheon
- 1:00-3:00 Outdoor activities to include: Highland Gathering and church tours, music by Barley House Band, crafts and games for children, Highland dance, a human wax museum of famous Scots. Tours will be offered featuring a historical perspective on the strong Scottish impact within the church's history.
- 3:00 Everyone is invited to gather in the Sanctuary for fellowship and blessing of the tartans.

This is a community event, welcome to all.



SAMHAIN POTLUCK OCTOBER 21 6:00 P.M.

Another opportunity to share time together observing another Scottish tradition (and to eat, of course!) will be at the home of the Hawthorne's, 4404 Royal Oaks Dr., Davenport. We will delve again into how the ancients observed this season in the Scottish calendar. All members are invited and are asked to bring a dish to share and BYOB. The meat, table service, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Bring a friend or two!



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 4

Tha Manor, 1102 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf will again be the location for the annual SAS Christmas Party. This will be a catered event. There will be more details in the November newsletter. Planners for the party are members Alan & Jan Johnson and Curt & Sue Johnson.



THRU THE STONES CONVENTION DECEMBER 5 & 6

A convention honoring Diana Gabaldon's series of "Outlander" books will be held at The River Center, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport. The author will be present on Saturday. These novels (there are currently 8) are historical fiction with roots in Scotland and they cover everything from time travel, warfare, and medicine to spirituality, honor, hope and despair. Even though this is a series, the books can be read independently of each other. Classes, workshops, and speakers will present throughout the day on Saturday. Subject material will be related to various topics found in the novels. Local participants will include performances by the Blackhawk Pipes & Drums, and Bill Hawthorne will display many of his paintings of Scotland and will also present a workshop. Tickets will go on sale in late August. For more details the website is www.thruthestones.com or Thru the Stones on Facebook.



A WEE BIT OF HISTORY

A Mansion which some historians believe became the hiding place for Bonnie Prince Charlie for a short time following his defeat at Culloden was recently sold for over 1.3 million pounds.

The Young Pretender escaped from the battle near Inverness in April 1746 and, with the help of devoted supporter Flora Macdonald, famously fled over the sea, before finally returning to the continent. As he was frantically hunted by government Redcoats, it is widely considered that he sought refuge at Monkstadt House, in Kilmuir, at the north end of the Isle of Skye. Jacobites had hoped to see the prince - grandson to King James II - reclaim the throne, but he instead lived his remaining years on the continent beset by many personal problems.

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

SCHEDULE FOR 2014-2015

- Sept. 19-20 - Celtic Festival/Highland Games
- Oct. 21 - Samhain Potluck
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Party
- Jan. 24, 2015 - Burns Dinner & Celebration

BELTANE PICNIC

It's always a mystery how the Iowa weather will behave in May, but May 20th turned out to be a nice evening for our annual Beltane Potluck picnic celebration at Duck Creek Park. Bill Hawthorne led the group in a recognition of this ancient tradition while Derek Grant provided background music with his bagpipes. Each year, the Thomsons celebrated their anniversary by providing a cake for the group, and this year was no exception as Ty brought a cake in honor of Chick.

SAS REPRESENTED AT JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

As has been the tradition for several years, Derek Grant piped as three flag bearers from our group proceed down the fairway of the 18th hole on the last day of the John Deere Classic July 13th. In addition to providing Scottish flair to the early morning memorial service, Derek, Jim Scott, Bill Hawthorne, and Darren Low provided some pageantry at the end-of-day awards ceremony. Among those honored at the memorial service was our own Chick Thomson who had volunteered in years past and who passed away in February.

