



Members & Friends

We had a great time at the combination Cottage Meeting/Picnic held at the Historic Sam Houston Schoolhouse in Maryville at the end of June. We had several new attendees who attended their first SSK activity. We hope that they had a good time and that they will keep us on their calendar in the future.

We had an enjoyable lunch with the main food being ham, turkey, or roast beef sandwiches with condiments and delicious side dishes. Thanks to all who contributed. Immediate past President, Tim Richards spoke on the development and popularity of tartans. Very informative.

Want to call members attention to upcoming events that we will be involved in-East Tennessee History Fair at Krutch Park in Knoxville on Aug 20. We also have committed to having a tent at the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival in downtown Dandridge on Sat. Sept 24.

In addition, we have been invited to attend a Scots Irish music festival at Historic Ramsey House on Saturday, Sept 3. If you would be able to help staff an SSK tent, please call me at 865-983-1534. Otherwise, wear your Scottish attire and come & enjoy the music.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for the Society. Hope to see all of you "down the road."

Cheers, Doug Harrill

Robert Burns' Dinner

We now have a planning committee for our 2017 Burns' Dinner. Sara Frazer and Janice Stapleton have volunteered to coordinate the committee, its meetings and plans for Burns' Night. More information will be sent to you as it is finalized.



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Past Event

Cottage Picnic

Close to 30 of our members met at Raven Hall in Maryville last week for the SSK Cottage Picnic. Doug Harrill opened the meeting with several announcements, most of which are included in this newsletter, then started lunch with the Selkirk Grace. After a good lunch, Doug introduced Tim Richards who spoke to the group about the History of Tartans. Tim also displayed several tartan samples and a part of his tartan tie collection.

Volunteers Needed -

We could use help to staff SSK's tent at the August 20th, East TN History Fair, at Krutch Park, Downtown Knoxville, TN. If you can join us for a part of the day, please call Doug Harrill at 865-898-0283.

Tartan Times Editor Needed

I will be publishing 2 more newsletters for 2016. If you can take over in 2017, please contact me at tlrich@pdq.net or 281 558 4040. The new editor can determine the type and style of the newsletter. *Linda*

2017 Board Members & Officers

If you are interested in being on the board in an open position or as an officer, please let us know. You can email your interest to either tlrich@pdq.net or flash37886.dh@gmail.com.

Doug will be naming a Nominating Committee at the next board meeting, so they can begin to identify our slate of officers for 2017

Reiver's Award Nominations for 2017

We are now asking for nominations from the membership for a member to receive our next Reiver's Award. This award is our annual recognition of long term members who have had a positive impact on the society.

If you would like to submit someone's name for this honor, please write a letter of less than 300 words outlining their qualifications. Send this letter to the SSK address or to the editor at tlrich@pdq.net. Nominations will be accepted until October 1, 2016.

Scholarships

Since the board did not receive any scholarship application forms this year, a motion was made, seconded and passed to award the money in a different way. SSK will sponsor 4 local people to the Pipes & Drums workshop. Thanks go out to Andrew Kerr for the suggestion.

Regional Celtic Events

July 29- Aug 7	Virginia Highlands Festival Abingdon, VA
September 3	East Tennessee Scots Irish & Appalachian Music Festival, Historic Ramsey House, Knoxville (<i>Possible SSK Event</i>)
September 3-4	Virginia Scottish Games, Manassas, VA
Sept 10	Middle Tennessee Highland Games, Hermitage, TN
Sept 24	Scots Irish Festival, Dandridge, TN

SSK Calendar

August 20	East TN Historic Society Krutch Park, Knoxville TN 10am-5 pm
September 24	Scots Irish Festival, Dandridge, TN
October 22	Annual General Meeting Erin Presbyterian Church Knoxville TN
December 9	Christmas Ceilidh Erin Presbyterian Church

Links for More Information:

East Tennessee Historic Fair

<http://www.easttnhistory.org/historyfair>

Dandridge Sots – Irish Festival

<http://www.scots-irish.com/>

Middle Tennessee Highland Games

<http://midtenngames.com/>



Cottage Picnic



President Doug Harrill



Tartans on Display



Audience



Debra Teague with her decorations



Attendees



Tartan History – Tim Richards



Visiting with friends