



The Spectator

The Quarterly Newsletter of Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg
Summer 2014

President's Message – Summer 2014

Lads and Lassies,

Another hot summer is rolling through Williamsburg. This is normally a relatively inactive time for the Society, with many people out of town on vacation or busy with family activities. Board meetings tend not to have quorums, so we generally cancel the Board meetings during this period and have done so this summer as well. Still, we have managed to keep busy doing useful things. In late April Society members attended the Kirking of the Tartans at Historic Christ Church in Kilmarnock. The Kirking at Kilmarnock is always thrilling. Please see the article and photos below. On May 4 the Society welcomed Tahitia McCabe, a genealogist from the University of Strathclyde, to discuss her activities. Please see the article below. On July 20 the Society held the free Family Picnic and Ceilidh at the Queen's Lake Clubhouse. This was a great event! Please see the article below. In the Flowers of the Forest page we say farewell to Colin Gavon, a long-time Society member.

At the May Board meeting there was no quorum but we discussed numerous issues: the Nominating Committee, the Spectator, and grants. Ev Tucker and the Grant Committee continue to be productive in providing financial assistance to deserving students of Scottish heritage. Andrew O Donnghaile and Erin Park have received major tuition assistance and two other Gaelic language scholars were awarded smaller amounts. Upcoming luncheons and speakers were discussed and these activities should prove to be both fun and interesting.

A September luncheon is planned with Andrew O Donnghaile as speaker. We also plan a Fall Kirking of the Tartans, details not yet arranged. We will participate in the Fall Festival of Folklife in Newport News in early October. The Scottish Festival in Richmond is set for late October and the Society may be there too. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November. We will have a festive December lunch as usual. Planning is already underway for the 2015 Burns Night. The Board is doing all it can to offer our members a diverse and enjoyable

schedule of Scottish heritage activities for the balance of 2014.

The Virginia Gazette continues to print our event articles and photos, and this gains us valuable publicity and in the past has resulted in new members signing up. Please continue to read the Society website and the Facebook page for news about the Society.

Yours Aye, Marshall S Thomas



Kirkin' o' th' Tartans April 2014

On Sunday 27 April the Society participated in the Kirkin' o' th' Tartans at Historic Christ Church in Kilmarnock. It was a perfect bright sunny day and the surrounding countryside was absolutely beautiful. The Society delegation was impressive and it was a delight to see so many old friends and Society members attending. The Foundation for Historic Christ Church offered coffee and tea and a delightful assortment of yummy snacks in the conference room. The Kilmarnock and District Pipes and Drums and the SAS Color Guard led the march into the historic church where the Very Rev. David May of Grace Episcopal Church and the Rev Clay McCauley of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church officiated and blessed the tartans. The Kilmarnock and District Pipes and Drums later conducted a musical program outdoors under the trees. As always this event was a delight and we wish to thank Lynn Newcomer, Bob Davis and everyone else who made the event a success.

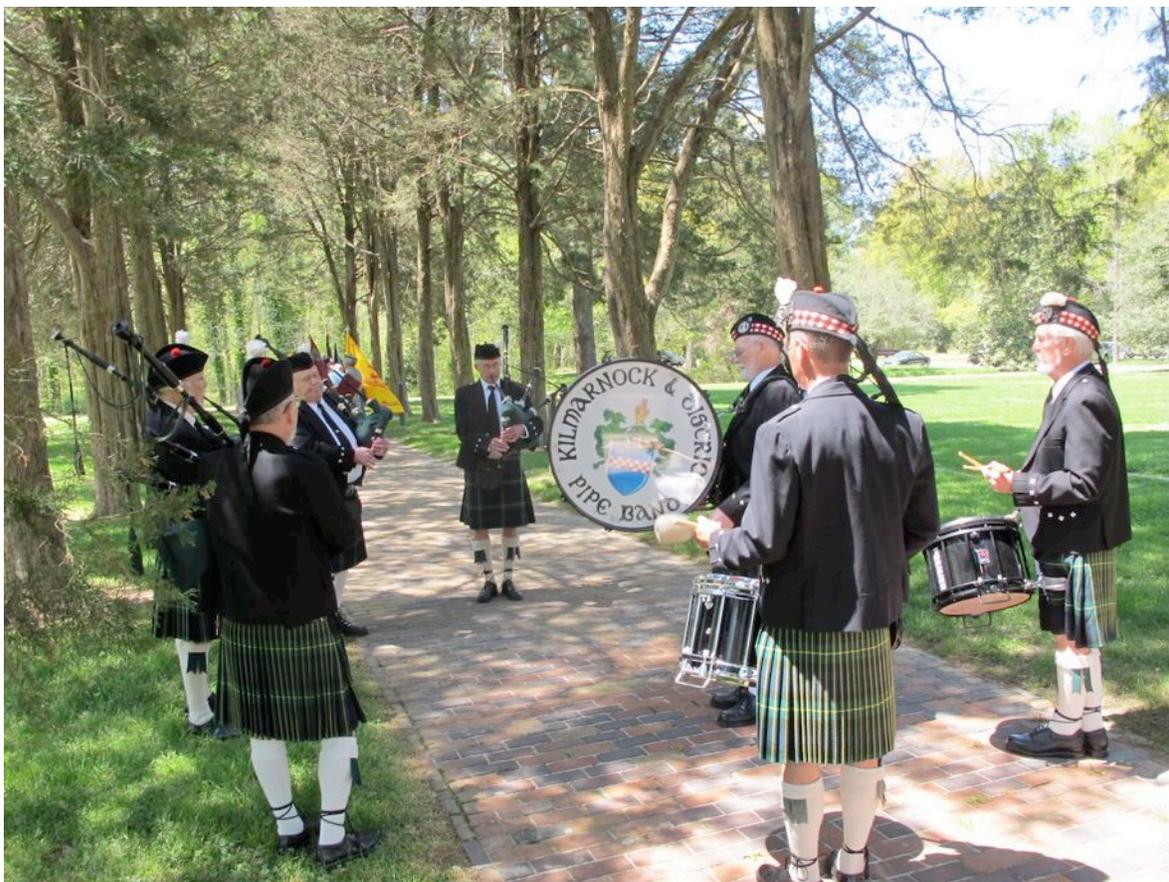
Happy Guests (below)



Bob Davis (right)

Color Guard (below)





Online Study of Genealogical Research at University of Strathclyde

On May 4 Jim White invited a genealogy teacher, Tahitia McCabe, to his home with a few of our Board members to give a talk on the University of Strathclyde's on-line study course on genealogy. Tahitia teaches there and outlined how to go about learning more about genealogical studies. The good news is that the entire course is on-line and entry requirements are reasonable. If genealogy is your thing you may wish to consider this excellent program. Certificate and Diploma programs are available based on the individual student's interest. Please click here for more information: <http://www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy/>

Here is a photo of Jamie Griffin, Tahitia McCabe, Jim White, Duncan and Patricia McIver. Douglas Boller and Marshall Thomas also attended but were not in the photo.



Family Picnic and Ceilidh July 2014

The Family Picnic and Ceilidh took place at Queen's Lake Clubhouse on Sunday July 20, with Len Newcomer greeting arriving guests on the pipes. Close to 50 members and guests attended, it was a great success and it was wonderful seeing so many friends. It was a free event with the Society providing sub sandwiches and drinks and the invitees bringing side dishes and desserts. The buffet table was loaded with mouth-watering delicacies. After lunch the Ceilidh began – there was plenty of amazing talent on display. Kathy Kasley serenaded us with the harp. Doug Boller had a great comedy routine. Brianna Girimont dazzled us with her magnificent fiddle playing. Brianna is a world-class fiddler who has won top awards in Scotland. She is also a Society grant recipient. Walter Spencer played lively clap-along tunes on the guitar while Anne Korff and Jan Spencer sang along. Local folk music legend Al Saunders played guitar and sang a historical Virginia folk song. Then our own Howard Topp played traditional guitar tunes. Anne Korff led a sing-along while everyone joined in. Later the Williamsburg Pipes and Drums marched in and blew out our hearing aids with their thrilling, rousing Scottish favorites. Love those guys!

Our thanks to Sherri Elmore, who organized the function and to everyone who helped. This was truly a wonderful Picnic/Ceilidh. Below are a few photos from the event. Directly below are Len Newcomer and Kathy Kasley.





Brianna Girimont



Walter Spencer



Al Saunders



Howard Topp



Williamsburg Pipes & Drums (below)



Flowers of the Forest

Colin MacIvor Govan



Colin Govan was a long-time, well-known Society member who served on the Board for many years and evidently never missed a Burns Night. When one of our members heard of his death he said "He was a real Scot." A Society delegation attended the Visitation mentioned below to pay our respects. We extend our sympathy to family and friends.

HAMPTON - Colin MacIvor Govan, 86, passed away June 30, 2014. Mr. Govan was born July 27, 1927 in Philadelphia to the late James and Elizabeth Govan. He was preceded in death by two siblings: Eileen Gaul and Gordon Govan, both of Philadelphia. Colin served in the [U.S. Navy](#) at the end of [World War II](#), and in the [U.S. Air Force](#) during the [Korean War](#). After graduating from Duke University in 1952, he became the Advertising and Merchandising Manager for Hotpoint Company in Charlotte, NC. In 1961, he moved to Hampton, Va. to become the Distributor Sales Representative for Hotpoint Company. In March of 1961, he made a career move that changed his life and the lives of the many others he touched when he started in the life insurance business with Equitable Life Assurance Company. He was Virginia's first Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table where he was an active member of the Grants Committee and other groups. In 1968, he was the recipient of the Chartered & Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. Colin was the education chairman and immediate past president of the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of CLU. He was a founder and past president of the Peninsula Estate Planning Council, and a charter member of the Virginia Life Underwriters Political Action Committee. Mr. Govan entered the Hall of Fame for the Equitable Life Assurance Society in 1976. He was the past president of the Virginia Association of Life Underwriters (currently know as Virginia Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors). Colin was a member of the President's Circle of the American College and the chairman of the Life Underwriter Training Council. He was a board member for VA Peninsula Association of Independent Financial Advisors. In 2011 he was awarded the Austin Adkinson Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership in the Advancement and Support of Insurance and Financial and Political Action Committee of Virginia. He was a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Member Benefits

Committee. In 2012 the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Virginia inducted him into the Hall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement in the highest interest of his profession. Colin served as a church officer and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Hampton. He was a member of the Newport News Kiwanis Club, the Hampton Lions Club, and the St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg, Va. He is preceded in death by his wife Margaret D. Govan, and son Colin M. Govan III. He is survived by his daughter-in-law Karen A. Govan of Hampton; his grandchildren April Butler and husband Sean of San Antonio, Colin M. Govan IV and wife Sarah of Hampton, and Gordon J. Govan of Hampton; and a number of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 6-7:30 pm on July 10th at Peninsula Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on July 11th at 1pm in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park. In memory of Colin, please consider memorial donations to the Salvation Army or to a [charity of your choice](#) .

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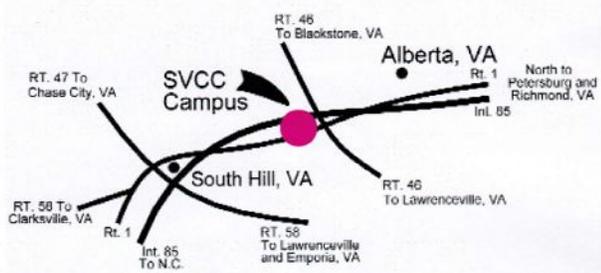


Taste of Brunswick Festival

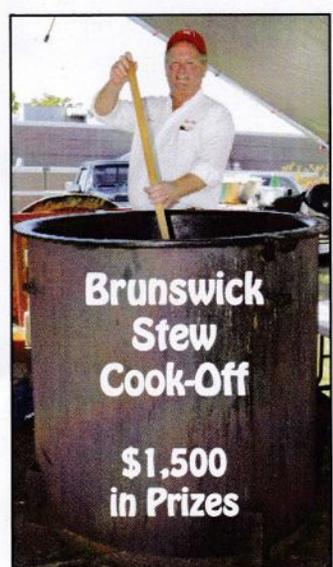
Bob Flinn reminds us of this upcoming festival.

The Taste of Brunswick Festival

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The Taste of Brunswick Festival



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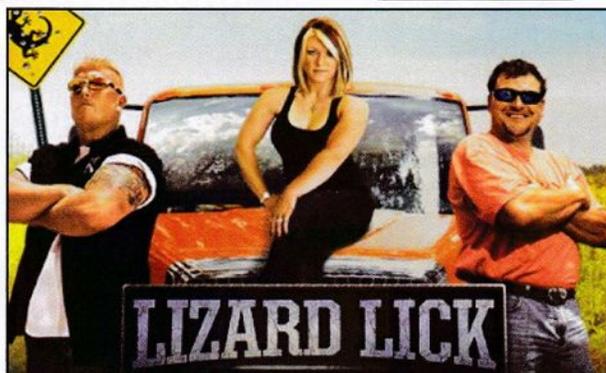
Willis River Bluegrass Band



James King Band



Mark Templeton
Bluegrass Gospel



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- Antique Car & Tractor Show
- Horse Exhibition • Pony Rides
- Barrel Train Ride • Face Painting
- Food Vendors • Stage Coach Rides
- Karaoke • Bluegrass Bands
- Gospel Music • Antique Market
- Civil War Reenactment & More!

Food & Festivities For Everyone!!

Rides & Games for the Kids



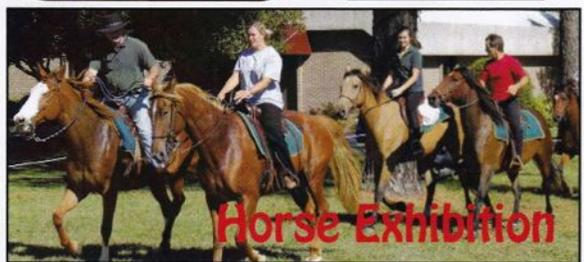
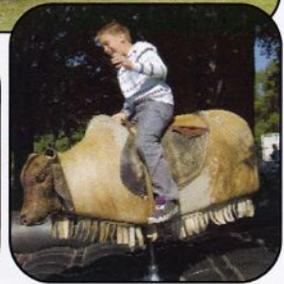
Arts & Crafts



Civil War Reenactment



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Saint Andrew's Society of Williamsburg

Application for Membership

Full Name: _____

Are you, applying as a new member or as a Spouse Son Daughter in the same household of a current member (check one)?

Member's Name if you are a spouse/son/daughter: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Schools/Colleges: _____

Business or Profession: _____

Spouse's Name (if not a member): _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Nature of Scottish Ancestry: _____

Scottish Interests – (History, Literature, Arts, Clan Affiliation etc): _____

Clan Affiliation or Membership: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

To the best of our knowledge, the above applicant is of sound character, over the age of 21 years and is entirely suitable to membership in the Society. Applicant will actively participate in the functions of the Society as circumstances allow and will perform conscientiously any duties undertaken.

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Co-Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Checklist for Membership:

Initial Individual Membership in a Household– Initiation (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$40.00). Total of \$60.00.

Additional Membership within same household – Initiation (\$20.00) plus First Year's Dues (\$20.00). Total of \$40.00.

Your check made out to: St. Andrews' Society of Williamsburg

A Small Photograph of you suitable for digitization.

Completed Application with address, phone number and e-mail address included.

NOTE: All memberships are individual and only one applicant per application.