



### Members & Friends:

Welcome to all! I hope everyone is having a great start to spring.

The Laddies Supper held on March 19 was a great success. Thanks for all the high bids for our auction, also.

Would like to remind members of upcoming events: Tartan Day at Maryville College (wear your tartan) and the Kirkin' of the Tartan at Second Presbyterian on April 10.

Finally, don't forget to support and attend the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games the weekend of May 21/22. SSK will have a tent there and we always enjoy company! Volunteers are needed for the Games.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Tim at 865-233-0722.

Cheers,  
Doug Harrill

### National Tartan Day Celebration

#### Maryville College

Sunday April 3, 2016

2-5 p.m.

CLAYTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
AND ANDERSON HALL LAWN

No cost to attend

In its first official Tartan Day celebration, Maryville College partners with the board of the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games to give the campus and wider community an opportunity to learn more about the Scots-Irish who settled the U.S. and East Tennessee and also celebrate this culture with Celtic music, dancing, clan and tartan displays and highland games demonstrations.

<http://www.maryvillecollege.edu/about/community-education/tartan-day/>

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### Membership Fees

SSK annual membership fees are due at this time. Individual dues are \$20 and Family dues are \$25.

Mail checks to:

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### Past Event – Laddies’ Supper

On March 19, almost 30 members gathered at Erin Presbyterian with a food offering. We enjoyed Kay’s piping and conversation with friends. Charles Wareing brought his castle cake (yum!) and made several people very happy.

An impromptu silent auction occurred and many of us went home with Scottish books and Tartan carrying cases. A vigorous bidding war was observed, but no violence occurred!



### Flowers of the Forest

Our thoughts and prayers are with member Abbott Brayton and his family. Abbott’s wife Esta passed away this week and we will miss her.



### Sponsored Kirkin’ of the Tartan

SSK is sponsoring a Kirkin’ in April and is asking for members to dress in tartan and join us to walk in with our banners.

Date: April 10th

Location: Second Presbyterian Church

Time: 10:00 am Members should arrive at 10am for instruction

### Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games

In addition to SSK’s tent at the Games,

- ✓ Clan Irwin is the Honored Clan
- ✓ St Andrews Society is the Honored Society

### Clan Spotlight

#### Clan Irwin



This family name which is probably derived from the Olde English, Erewine became a place name by the Middle Ages. The earliest member of note was William de Irwin, who was a loyal supporter of Robert Bruce. He was the King’s armour-bearer and clerk. For this, he was given lands in the Forrest of Drum, located in Aberdeenshire in 1324. A castle was constructed on the property and became one of the most imposing edifices in Britain.

This remained the family seat until 1976.

The story of the Irvine family covers seven centuries and continues today. Their descendants spread all over the world, including Germany, Sweden and the United States. Washington Irving (1783-1859), now best remembered as the creator of Rip van Winkle, and Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth president of the United States of America, were both descended from them.

#### Drum Castle



Ten miles from the center of Aberdeen, is one of the most beautiful castles of Royal Deeside. It is a living building, the story of which is packed with historical incident and personal drama. As a castle it is special because it combines a



medieval keep, a Jacobean mansion house and a Victorian extension in a uniquely pure form. For nearly all of its seven centuries it was the home of one family, the Irvines; it has the qualities of a family home, lived in through times good and bad by twenty-four generations. This family may often have been warlike, but with one notable exception it was rarely cruel; it was talented, vigorous, never quite at the top, but in nearly every generation contributed solid service to Crown, country and community.

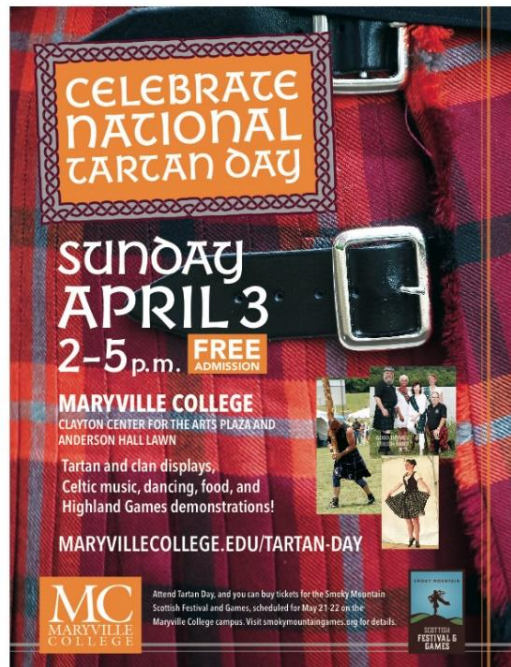
### SSK Calendar

April 3	Tartan Day Celebration Maryville College Campus 2-4 pm
May 21 – 22	Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Games; Maryville College Campus, Maryville, TN
June 25 / July	Cottage Meeting / Picnic To be announced
Oct 22	Annual General Meeting Erin Presbyterian Church
Dec 10	Christmas Ceilidh Erin Presbyterian Church

### Regional Celtic Events

April 1-3	Tartan Day Celebrations Wear Your Tartan!
April 8-10	Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville AR
April 16-17	Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, NC
May 6-7	Triad Highland Games, Greensboro, NC
May 13-15	Texas Scottish Festival Arlington, Texas

### National Tartan Day at Maryville College



### Laddies Supper Pictures



President Doug declared the food ready & members lined up.



Debra Teague provided a lovely St. Patrick's themed tree