



## Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland

### The Dorothy Jean Petrie Penders Spirit of Scotland Award

#### Background

The Society established the “The Dorothy Jean Petrie Penders Spirit of Scotland Award” in 2015. Known to many as “Dundee Dorothy,” Mrs. Penders embodies the “Spirit of Scotland.” With roots in Dundee, Scotland and family here in the United States, Dorothy truly embodies the Spirit of Scotland so many of us celebrate today. A Founding Member of our Society, long-time Scottish Country Dancer, the force behind our Burns Night Supper, and leader of festival volunteers, are only a few of Dorothy’s enduring contributions to furthering Scottish heritage and culture.

This honor is awarded to an individual whose contributions in education, culture, and other achievements promote the heritage of Scotland. At the Friday Night Banquet prior to the Celtic Festival in May 2015, Mrs. Penders awarded an engraved Quaich to the inaugural recipient.

In August 2015 the Festival Leadership Group for the 2016 Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival (former Frederick Celtic Festival) recommended, and the Board agreed, that this award is an award bestowed by the Society and not an award associated solely with the festival. The Board also agreed with the suggested nomination and award process.

In addition, the Board endorsed presenting Dorothy Penders her own Quaich at the Society’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). The engraved plinth states:

Spirit of Scotland  
Honoring Dorothy J. Petrie Penders  
2015

#### **2015 Inaugural Recipient Lisa Frazier**

An accomplished tenor drummer, Lisa Frazier’s achievements range from being an Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA) champion six years in a row, two of those seasons undefeated, to being the first female EUSPBA judge for the North American Championships.

Lisa has played tenor and bass drums in pipe bands since 1972 and has been the Director of the Rockville High School Pipe Band since 1995. Her dedication to teaching has touched hundreds of students. Lisa has developed a line of tenor drumsticks, recorded an instructional video for beginning tenor drumming, and created unique symbols for tenor drummer’s written music.

Drumming with different Pipe Bands Lisa's talent has captured those bands prestigious award such first place in Scotland at Bridge of Allen, Perth, and Dunfermline competitions; Best Drum Corps in North America; and second place at the World Championships.

#### Procedure for Nominations and Award for the Spirit of Scotland Award (SSA)

- At the November 2015 AGM, the Board will present Mrs. Penders with her Quaich and announce the launch of the award nomination and award process.
  
- Nominations will be accepted from SASMM members from the AGM until a designated deadline about four weeks prior to the Burns' Nicht Supper.
  
- Nominations must be submitted in writing (email is acceptable) to the President and must provide the nominee's name and short paragraph with the reasons for the nomination.
  
- A committee consisting of Mrs. Penders (or a designee), the President, and at least one SASMM member (who may not be one of the nominees) selected by the President in consultation with Mrs. Penders, will review the nominations and make a recommendations to the Board.
  
- The SASMM Board will review all the nominees and the committee's recommendation and vote on the selection.
  
- The President will announce the award at the Burns' Nicht Supper and Mrs. Penders, or her designee, will present the Quaich to the recipient. The engraved plinth will state:
  - Dorothy J. Penders
  - Spirit of Scotland Award
  - Year
  - Recipient's Name
  
- The history of the award (from above), information about the recipient, and a list of past recipients will be included in the programs for that year's Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival and AGM, and posted on the SASMM website and Facebook. Press releases and other media will be contacted as appropriate.

Approved by the SASMM BOD: October 11, 2015