



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 was awarded at the November 2015 AGM and states:

Spirit of Scotland
Honoring Dorothy J. Petrie Penders
2015

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

- Nominations will be accepted from SASMM members from the AGM until a designated deadline about four weeks prior to the Burns’ Night 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. Membership in the Society is not a requirement to be nominated although Society members are eligible.
- 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' Night Supper and Mrs. Penders, or her designee, will present the Quaich to the recipient. The engraving will state:

Dorothy J. Penders
Spirit of Scotland Award
Year
Recipient's Name

- Mrs. Penders and each year's awardee will receive an Honorary, life-time individual membership in the Society with all the benefits of membership.

- The history of the award information about the recipients, and a list of past recipients may be included in the programs for that year's Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival and AGM, and will be posted on the SASMM website and other social media. Press releases and other media will be contacted as appropriate.

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