

St. Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland
2021 Event Calendar

Month	Day	Time	SASMM Sponsored * = Via ZOOM	Festivals
January	23	4pm	Dundee Dorothy Presents Dorothy's Shortbread	
	31	7pm	Book Club (Monthly)*	
February	6	7pm	Pre-Burns Cooking Lesson:* Scotch Broth	
	13	7pm	Pre-Burns Cooking Lesson:* Vegetarian Haggis	
	20	7pm	Pre-Burns Cooking Lesson:* Honey & Whisky Mousse	
	21	7pm	Book Club (Monthly): <i>The Queen's Gambit</i> by Walter Tevis	
	27	5pm	"Throwback Burns" Supper* SASMM celebrates the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796) on, or about, the Bard's birthday, January 25th. Join us for a "Throwback" Burns Supper similar to the first one when nine of Burns' friends gathered to mark the fifth anniversary of his death. Prepare your meal to share with a small gathering of your family, friends, or pod-mates, whomever you are comfortable at home. Then we will eat 'together but separately' and enjoy an evening of traditional and not-so-traditional fun via Zoom.	
March	13	7pm	St Patrick's Day Party* Hosted by Robert and Lady Kate Patrick	
	30	7pm	New Member Welcome* Hosted by Karen Robertson and the Board of Directors	
	21	7pm	Book Club* <i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i> by Ruth Hogan Hosted by Dawn Spruill	
April	10	5pm	National Tartan Day- The National Holiday for All Scottish-Americans * http://www.tartanday.org/Tartan Day (April 6) Join us for an entertaining an educational experience with Scottish talent from "across the pond"! (Via Zoom) In 1998, April 6 was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution 41 which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. The date of April 6 commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which stated Scotland's sovereignty took precedence over English invasive territorial claims, and which was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence and Constitution.	Southern Maryland Celtic Festival http://www.cssm.org/events/festival/ Last Friday in April CANCELLED for 2021
	24	7pm	Bake-along: Scottish Scones * Hosted by Karen Robertson via Zoom Details forthcoming.	
	25	TBD	Book Club * <i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins Hosted by Lyn Mullings. Possible in-person meeting at an outdoor locale yet to be decided. If the weather doesn't cooperate, meeting will be via Zoom. Please contact Lyn at dipdoo72@yahoo.com or Dawn Spruill at spruillgirl1@gmail.com to RSVP.	

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May	2	1pm	Bake-along: Millionaire Shortbread* Hosted by Kathryn Darling via Zoom Join Kathryn for a 'bakes-along' direct from Scotland featuring a tour of her hometown!	
	15	3:30pm	Paint 'til the Coos come home! Painting Class Hosted by Dawn Spruill In-person following CDC/MD guidelines at Dublin Roasters Coffee in Frederick, MD. Class size limited.	Fairhill Colonial Highland Games Third weekend in May May15, 2021 http://fairhillscottishgames.org/
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly)* Host TBD	
June	TBD		SASMM Member Picnic Hosted by the Board of Directors - In-person following CDC/MD guidelines	Garrett County Celtic Festival First weekend in June June 5, 2021 http://gccelticfestival.com/
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly) Host TBD	Carroll County Celtic Festival NEW FESTIVAL!!! Second weekend in June - June 12, 2021 https://carrollcountycelticfestival.com/
July	TBD		Whisky Tasting and Supper (month may change)	
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly) Host TBD	
August	TBD		Social Gathering at Local Business (month may change)	
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly) Host TBD	
September	TBD		Afternoon Tea Hosted by Karen Robertson (month may change)	Virginia Scottish Games First weekend in September - 4 & 5, 2021 http://www.vascottishgames.org/
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly) Host TBD	Ligonier Highland Games http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/
October	16	7pm	SASMM Pub Event - Hosted by Barb Collins and Karen Robertson In-person following CDC/MD guidelines Have a beer, socialize with members, old fashioned singalong, try your hand at a traditional Pub Quiz with prizes!	Celtic Classic http://www.celticfest.org/

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	30	7pm	Halloween - Samhain	Chesapeake Celtic Festival http://www.celticfest.net/
	TBD		Book Club (Monthly) Host TBD	Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games 4th weekend in October http://vacelticfestival.com/
November	20		SASMM Annual General Meeting (AGM) Hosted by the Board of Directors SASMM members hold their Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting.	Maryland Irish Festival Second weekend in November http://irishfestival.com.s141542.gridserver.com/
	30		Saint Andrew's Day St. Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland. The flag of Scotland features St Andrew's saltire cross. The feast of Andrew is observed on 30 November and is the national day of Scotland.	
December	TBD		The Lad and Lassies Yule Libation Event SASMM members gather to sip tea, share a wee dram, and celebrate Scottish culture. Ladies have an ornament exchange. Members only.	
	31		Hogmanay Gather to celebrate New Year's Eve in the Scottish Tradition! Come, Experience the tradition of "First Footing" and hear the skirl of bagpipes to ring in the New Year. Ending the evening with a true Scottish sing along of Auld Lang Syne at midnight. "First footing" (that is, the "first foot" in the house after midnight) is not as common as it used to be in Scotland. To ensure good luck for the house, the first foot should be male, dark (believed to be a throwback to the Viking days when blond strangers arriving on your doorstep meant trouble) and should bring symbolic coal, shortbread, salt, black bun and whisky. These days, however, whisky and perhaps shortbread are the only items still prevalent (and available).	