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**Serving the Celtic Communities of: Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall (England), Galicia (Spain), Brittany (France), Scotland and Ireland**

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## MARK THOSE CALENDARS

# Upcoming Events

- No General Membership Meeting in March.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Dr. Jim Byrne's Office. Clock Tower Plaza, Rapid City, SD.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. Raben Real Estate Office. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main, Rapid City, SD. Program- "Famous Celts."
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Cultural Fair SD School of Mines.

***The newsletter is a little late, so some of the info is dated.***



President Pat Hamilton

### **President's Letter - March 2011**

March is a favorite month for me, for an obvious reason: My Patron Saint's Birthday! St Patrick's Day promises to be a typically well done Scottish & Irish Society celebration! We're holding it at the Chophouse restaurant on Canyon Lake on March 12th at 6:00. Sally is coordinating a memorable silent auction for us. We've asked our members to bring desserts for the event. It's always a highlight to have such a wonderful variety of desserts and I hope we can count on everyone who is able to bring something to share.

One of my goals as your president is to grow S.I.S. and to support Celtic Events in the area. We've got 4 events in addition to our St Patrick's Day celebration in March that I want to bring to your attention:

- Spearfish High Plains Western Heritage Center is presenting "**Irish Cowboys**" on March 17th at 6:00 in the evening. We have a contingency of members going up there to have a table to share what the S.I.S. does and enjoy an evening of entertainment.
- S.I.S. will be participating in Rapid City's **St Patrick's Day parade** on Saturday, 3/19. Please join us by 9:30 in the parking lot across from Black Hills Federal Credit Union.
- The **Dakota Celts** are hosting their St Patrick's Day celebration at 6:00 in Celt Hall on the Fairground.
- The School of Mines will be hosting their **Culture Days** on Saturday, March 26th from 10:30-2:30 in the Surbeck Center. Bill & Sally Knight are coordinating volunteers for the event. You're welcome to join them.

Siaryn is getting closer to finalizing the Celtic Street Festival for this summer and we'll keep you posted on that as decisions are made. Please share our activities with others and help our membership grow. We need members to help us support our events as well as support other Celtic activities in our communities.

It's a great time to be CELTIC isn't it!!!!

**Pat Hamilton, President**

# Meeting Notes

General Membership Meeting  
2/15/2011

Treasurer's Report; \$1716

The program featured SIS member Ken Vogele and a presentation on the Germans from Russia. It was very interesting and informative.

# Irish Blessing

May you only have pleasant hours  
To melt your cares away,  
And warmth and Irish laughter  
To bring gladness to each day.



# Officers

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If you would like to contribute an article or story, list an event, submit a photo, etc. to the newsletter, please email the item to me by the 5th of the month.

# Member News

Don' forget to pay your dues.

The Society is a non-profit family-oriented organization which celebrates our Celtic roots. Celtic heritage includes Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany (on the west coast of France), Cornwall, and the Isle of Man. It was established in 1999 and has hosted or sponsored numerous events for all of the Rapid City and Black Hills area. We meet monthly, the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Estate, 302 Main St, Rapid City, SD. Entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

For April's General Meeting the program is "Famous Celts" and each member can pick their favorite Celt and prepare and present information on that person. To prevent doubling up whoever wants to participate can email me their person of interest and I will let them know if that person has been taken or not...first come first serve. Thanks much.



Paul Smith is "helping" the Men of Worth sing "Patrick Street" at the Queen Mary Scottish Festival in February. They will be in Glasgow, Mont. on 28 April (Thursday) and in Sidney on the 30th (Saturday). Paul would be glad to join an expedition, if anyone wants to go up for some good fun.

## Celtic Activities Near Our Part of the World

July 8-10, 2011      Colorado Irish Festival, Littleton CO  
<http://www.coloradoirishfestival.org/>

July 23, 2011                      Dakota Irish  
Fair, Sioux Falls SD  
<http://www.dakotairish.org/index.htm>

August 12-14, 2011              Irish Fair of  
Minnesota, St Paul MN  
<http://www.irishfair.com/content/>

August 12-14, 2011              Montana Irish  
Festival, Butte MT  
<http://mtgaelic.org/>

August 25-28, 2011              Rocky  
Mountain Irish Festival, Loveland CO  
<http://fortcollinsirishfestival.com>

August 26-28, 2011              Bitterroot  
Scottish Irish Festival, Hamilton MT  
<http://www.bitterrootscottishirishfestival.org/>

September 2-4, 2011              Kansas City  
Irish Fest, Kansas City MO  
<http://www.kcirishefest.com/>

September 17-18, 2011          Northeast  
South Dakota Celtic Faire & Games, Aberdeen  
SD  
<http://www.nesdcelticfaire.com/>

September 17, 2011              Greeley Irish  
Festival, Greeley NE  
<http://www.greeleyirishfestival.com/>

Various other events listed here:  
[http://www.angelfire.com/folk/irishcelts/festivals\\_by\\_dates.html](http://www.angelfire.com/folk/irishcelts/festivals_by_dates.html)

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