

St. Andrews Presbyterian College Scottish Heritage Center Presents

# The Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium

formerly "*Our Scottish Heritage*" established 1989



and the  
**Nineteenth Annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet**  
March 20-22, 2009



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## *Schedule of Events*

All events held at Avinger Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

### Friday, March 20

- 11 a.m. **Ribbon Cutting for the Relocated Scottish Heritage Center**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **“Local Sources for Global Communities: An Overview of the Local Collections Held by Argyll and Bute Library Service Highlighting Resources Pertaining to Early Emigrants from Argyll (Part I)”**  
Eleanor Harris
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **“Tartan Since Proscription”**  
Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr.
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception**  
William Henry Belk College Center  
\* reservations required for those not attending the symposium
- 7:00 p.m. **Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet**  
William Henry Belk College Center  
\* reservations required for those not attending the symposium  
(dress for this event is either Highland dress or business attire)

### Saturday, March 21

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Late Registration**
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **“Bagpipes in the Movies”**  
Patrick King
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. **“Early Scottish Farmsteads in the Eastern Carolinas”**  
Bridget O’Brien
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **“The Songs of Scotland”**  
Isla St. Clair
- 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **“Local Resources for Global Communities (Part 2)”**  
Eleanor Harris
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Panel Discussion and Questions**  
A moderated forum for final questions and discussions with speakers
- 4:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
- 7:30 p.m. **Concert**  
Featuring the prize-winning St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band with Scottish folk singer and recording artist Isla St. Clair

### Sunday, March 22

- 11:00 a.m. **Kirkin of the Tartans Worship Service**  
At Laurinburg Presbyterian Church  
\* Lunch following service – advance reservation required

## About the Speakers

**Eleanor Harris** is a native of St. Andrews, Fife. After receiving a degree in music from the University of Stirling, she went on to study Library and Information Science at the University of Strathclyde. She joined the Argyll and Bute Regional Council in 1999 first as a Reference Librarian and then later as Local Studies Librarian. She works at the regional headquarters library in Dunoon which houses the Local Collection much of which contains books, pamphlets, maps, photographs, postcards, newspapers, genealogical sources, and ephemera. Those with research interests in Scotland, and Argyll in particular, will not want to miss her presentation.

**Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr.** is one of the world's top scholars of Scottish tartan. He is retired from academia, having served as a Dean of West Chester University, and currently resides in Tennessee. Dr. Smith's expertise in Scottish topics includes Scottish Gaelic as well as the history and use of tartan. He is a Member of the Guild of Tartan Scholars, President of the Scottish Tartans Authority -USA, and a member of the Board of Governors of that authority in Scotland.

**Patrick King** is a writer, director, and producer making documentary films for international broadcasters including PBS, The History Channel, A&E, as well as BBC Channel 4. His focus has been on historical subjects. He is a member of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and the European Film Academy and 11 of his last 16 productions have won major awards. His presentation will be a "behind the scenes" look at the making of his award-winning productions "Instrument of War" and "When the Pipers Play" which combine inspirational stories and songs with powerful images to give a unique insight into the effect of the Highland bagpipe on people in both peace and war.

**Bridget O'Brien** graduated from Boston College in 2005 with a B.A. in Art History. In 2007, after travels in Europe, a volunteer stint in Ecuador, and a teaching position in Boston, she was accepted into the M.S. in Historic Preservation program jointly affiliated with Clemson University and the College of Charleston. She will graduate in May of 2009. Her M.S. thesis was inspired by Catherine Rogers of Bennettsville, S.C., who is restoring an 18th century emigrant homestead in Marlboro County. O'Brien's presentation will document floor plans, building materials, and construction methods of several emigrant homesteads from the Highland settlement, as well as the genealogical information relative to the families who built them. She will also explore correlations between Scottish vernacular architecture and these early farmsteads.

**Isla St. Clair** is a native of the North East of Scotland, growing up in Buckie, Findochty, and Aberdeen. She is a well-known exponent of Scottish traditional song and at age 12 was recorded by the legendary Hamish Henderson, Principal of the School of Scottish Studies. She began her broadcasting career at age 13 with a radio program titled "Stories are for Singing." She has toured or performed with "The Chieftains," "The Dubliners," "The Corries," Billy Connolly, Tom Conti, Chic Murray, Andy Stewart, Jimmy Logan, Pete Seeger, Ewan McColl, and Jimmy Shand. In 2002 Isla was awarded an Honorary Degree by the University of Aberdeen for her contributions to traditional music. She has appeared in numerous television productions from Disneytime by Walt Disney to recent documentary film productions. Isla will also appear in concert with the St. Andrews Pipe Band over the Scottish Heritage Weekend.

## Award Recipients

**Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr.** will receive the Scottish Heritage Center Service Award. Dr. Smith is a retired professor emeritus of Languages and Linguistics at West Chester University in Pennsylvania where he received several awards for service to the University. He has devoted much of his personal research and educational efforts toward Scottish topics, including the Gaelic language and the history, culture, and lore of Scottish tartans. His works *Tartan for Me!* and *Tartans for the Irish* have allowed countless numbers to proudly identify with and display their Scottish connections through identification with a tartan. He has personally designed over 120 tartans, and is a frequent attendee at Scottish games and events where he shares his knowledge with those interested in making their own personal tartan connections.

**Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Holmes and Mrs. Margaret (Pinny) Geffert** will be jointly receiving Flora MacDonald Awards this year. Mrs. Holmes is the retired librarian for St. Andrews Presbyterian College where she first began stirring interest in the college's Scottish connections due to numerous library inquiries from individuals and societies who were interested in Scottish connections as early as the 1970's. She was a driving force behind the creation of the Scottish Heritage projects in the late 1980's which are now in place and flourishing at St. Andrews. Mrs. Geffert is the retired archivist for St. Andrews Presbyterian College and was caretaker and custodian for the collections which were later to become the nucleus of the Scottish Heritage Center. She was also called on frequently to assist in research relative to Flora MacDonald through materials held by the college, and assisted both the late Hugh Douglas and Ruairidh Halford-MacLeod with their biographies. She has also been actively involved in the Laurinburg-Oban Sister City Committee. We are delighted to honor these two women who have contributed so much to the success of the Scottish Heritage Center over the years.

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### Registration Form (Must be received by March 13, 2009)

Please include the names of all individuals who will be attending

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

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(please print)

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(please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Symposium, Banquet, Concert (\$100 per person)

Includes all symposium lectures on Friday and Saturday, the Scottish Heritage Awards Reception and Banquet on Friday night for one person, Saturday lunch for one person, Saturday evening concert.

#### Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet Only (\$35 per person)

Includes reception with single malt whisky samples or wine, buffet dinner and the awards presentation ceremony.

\*This is for those NOT REGISTERED for ALL EVENTS above.

#### Kirkin' of the Tartans Lunch, Sunday March 22

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church (\$7 per person)

\*Lunch reservations must be received in advanced. If you wish to attend and participate by bringing or carrying a tartan banner, please let us know.

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\* No refunds after March 16

Method of Payment: Check or money order payable to  
Scottish Heritage Center

Mail to: Scottish Heritage Center  
St. Andrews Presbyterian College  
1700 Dogwood Mile  
Laurinburg, NC 28352-5598

For questions regarding reservations: Tim Van Hooser,  
Administrative Assistant, (910) 277-5258 or email bagpipe@sapc.edu.



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## **The 2009 Scottish Heritage Weekend - Symposium, Concert and Awards Banquet** *Celebrating 19 Years - Come Join Us and Tell Your Friends!*

### **The 2009 Scottish Heritage Weekend - St. Andrews Presbyterian College**

Originally founded in 1989 as a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the coming of the first group of Highland Scots to North Carolina, the "Our Scottish Heritage" Symposium has provided an unparalleled opportunity for persons interested in Scottish and Scottish-American history and culture to learn from top scholars in their fields. **The Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium** provides a forum for study and interaction for anyone interested in Scottish history, culture, and tradition.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian College** is pleased to sponsor and host this event. The College's annual **Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet** will be a featured part of the festivities. This prestigious event will feature the presentation of two awards: **The Scottish Heritage Center Service Award**, given for outstanding contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of Scottish history, culture, or traditions, and **The Flora MacDonald Award**, given to a woman of Scottish descent who has made an outstanding contribution to the human community. The 2009 recipients are **Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Holmes** and **Mrs. Margaret (Pinny) Geffert**.

Special hotel rates are available at the **Comfort Inn of Laurinburg**, recipient of the corporation's Gold Standard Award for twelve consecutive years. For reservations, call (910) 277-7788. You must mention the Scottish Heritage Weekend at St. Andrews Presbyterian College to receive the specially discounted rates.

**We encourage you to make your reservations for these events as soon as possible.** For any questions, please contact Tim Van Hooser at (910) 277-5258. We look forward to seeing you!