



Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society

Promoting the perpetuation of Celtic heritage.



Festival News

The Tenth Annual Sycamore Shoals Festival will be held at the Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park in Elizabethton, TN - September 10th - 12th, 2010. Friday night will be the Calling of the Clans Torchlight Ceremony and is free to the public. The Festival will open Sat. and Sun. at 10:00 am. An admission will be charged for a day pass, a weekend pass, and/or for the Ceilidh on Sat. night.

The 6th Annual Art Contest for the front cover of the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival program is now open. The Art winner to be announced on April 6th - International Tartan Day and is open to the public of all ages. The winner receives \$100 and two weekend passes to Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival in September, 2010.

The Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society is calling out to everyone who would like to become a member, presently is a member, or those who are interested in just assisting with an event or with society gatherings to contact us at uppereasttnsociety@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 5384, Johnson City, TN 37602.



Creative Lines

Richard Wilson, generally recognized as Wales' foremost landscape painter of the 20th century, was born in Montgomeryshire in 1712. While noted for his landscapes, he was commissioned to paint the portraits of some of the leading personalities of the day. Among his subjects was Flora Macdonald, newly released from the Tower of London after helping Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape to freedom. You can learn more and see samples of his work at:

<http://www.100welshheroes.com/en/biography/richardwilson>

Blast from the Past



The Celtic Festival sponsored by the Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society (UETCS) began in Jonesborough in 1996 moving to Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park in 2000. The Celtic Festival is just one venue provided by UETCS that promotes the perpetuation of Celtic culture, traditions, customs, history, literature, and music thru educational celebration. We still treasure our heritage in the Appalachian Mountains and the desire to share living, belonging, and life with all kindred Celtic spirits through food, fun, and frolic now as we did then.

Donation and Sponsorship

The Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society is a non-profit 501C3 under the North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance. To make a tax deductible donation or find out more about sponsoring bands or another part of an event please see our web site: www.shoalsceltfest.com or call (423) 741-4841 for more information. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 28th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "St. Patrick" presentation by Tim Potter

March 28th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Celtic Knots"

April 6th, 2010 - International Tartan Day

April 25th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Celtic Dog and Cat breeds."

May 23rd, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Celtic Holidays"

June 27th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Celtic Castles"

July 25th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Celtic Creatures"

Aug. 29th, 2010 - UETCS Society Meeting at Sycamore Shoals State Park- "Volunteering for the Sycamore Shoals Festival"

Sept 10th, 2010 - Calling of the Clans Torchlight Ceremony for the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

Sept 11th -12th, 2010 - 10th Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

Oct. 23rd, 2010 - Halloween/Samhain 1st Annual Event at Sycamore Shoals State Park-TBA

Note: UETCS meetings are held at 3:00pm the fourth Sunday of the month or as noted above, and are open to all.



Did You Know

Did you know many Americans had Welsh heritage? From Daniel Boone, John Adams, John Q. Adams, Calvin Coolidge, Thomas Jefferson, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, and James Madison, to Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel, Jessie James, Bob Evans, Andy Griffith, and Howard Hughes, we know the Welsh in America.

Keep them in your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick or has passed away, please send us the information whereby we can send wishes and cards.

A LESSON IN GAELIC

Uachtarach - Oirthearach – Tennessee - Ceilteach - An Ghalántacht - Upper - East - Tennessee - Celtic - Society

Failte (Fal-chuh) – Welcome.

Ciamar a tha sibh (Kimmer a hah shiv) – How are you?

Oidhche mhath matha (oy-kyuh vah muh-hah) – Goodnight, then.

Mar sin leibn (Mar shin layv) – Goodbye.

Tapadh leibh (Top-uh layv) – Thank you.



Comics Corner

(Laughter is the best medicine)

A Scots pessimist is a man who feels badly when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

Did ye hear about the Scotsman who married a girl born on February the 29th so he'd only have to buy her a birthday present every four years?

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Cock a Leekie Soup

Prep Time: 10 Minutes

Cook Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Ready In: 1 Hour 40 Minutes

Servings: 12

"A traditional Scottish dish, this chicken and leek soup is flavored with thyme and thickened with barley. Garnish with stewed prunes if desired."

Ingredients:

4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs,
cut into bite-size pieces

10 cups water

1 onion, chopped

1/3 cup barley

1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed chicken broth

7 leeks, sliced

2 stalks celery, thickly sliced

1 sprig fresh thyme, chopped

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions:

1. In a large pot over high heat, combine the chicken, water, onion and barley. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 hour. Remove chicken, chop meat into bite size pieces and return to the pot.
2. Add the chicken broth, leeks, celery, thyme, parsley, salt and ground black pepper. Simmer for 30 more minutes, or until all vegetables are tender.