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Once upon a time there really was a bear named Wojtek who served in World War II

Once there was a cigarette-smoking, beer-drinking bear who saw action in World War II who may be the subject of an Hollywood film.

In Rich and Rita Shader's always interesting *Celtic Seasons - From the Streams of Celtic Consciousness*, there is a wonderful true story of Wojtec - the soldier bear.

Wojtek - called the Soldier Bear - was adopted by Polish troops and helped them carry ammunition at the Battle of Monte Cassino.

After the war, he lived in Scotland at Hutton in Berwickshire, before ending his days in the Edinburgh Zoo.

Belfast writer and director Brendan Foley has bought the rights to the bear's remarkable and true story.

Wojtec was rescued as a cub in the Middle East in 1943. The Polish soldiers adopted him and as he grew, he was trained to carry heavy mortar rounds. When their forces were deployed to Europe the only way to take the bear with them was to "enlist" him. So, he was given a name, rank and number and took part in the Italian campaign.

At the end of the war, the bear was billeted at any army camp in the Scottish Borders. When

the Polish soldiers were demobilized he was taken to Edinburgh Zoo where he eventually died in 1963.

Aileen Orr, author of *Wojtek the Bear* who sold the rights to Mr. Foley, discovered the story growing up in Berwickshire and by visiting the Edinburgh Zoo. She is part of a trust raising funds to create a state of Wojtek with a Polish soldier who was his minder.

They want the statue to be placed on a plinth made from stone quarried from the Polish soldiers former camp in Berwickshire and displayed in the Scottish capital. She said, "I knew after speaking to one of the Poles who was in the camp that I wanted this statue to be a moment in time reflecting what the bear did here in the Scottish Borders.

He was free to run around; he was humanized and had no idea he was a bear; he thought he was a soldier, and so he could wander down the road with one of the men and just as villagers stopped to speak, he would stop and listen to the exchange. After awhile, this was not deemed to be a remarkable thing as everyone was used to seeing him.

He was one remarkable bear.

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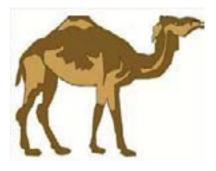
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Come Sinclairs and gather in Virginia the end of August!

Clan Sinclair will be the Honored Clan at the 40th annual Virginia Scottish Games on August 31-September 1, 2013 at the Great Meadow Equestrian Center in The Plains, Virginia.

These Games continue to be a huge success at Great Meadow. Nestled in the heart of Virginia's Piedmont countryside, Great Meadow is a 250-acre field events center with breathtaking views which evokes the spirit of the Scottish highlands, providing a truly authentic experience.

Malcolm Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, will be the Honored Guest for the games.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clan Sinclair will be held in conjunction with the games on Saturday, August 31st. Ward (Bud) Ginn and Thomas (Tom) Sinclair are coordinating the Clan Sinclair events for the weekend.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Twenty (20) rooms have been set aside for Clan Sinclair members in Chantilly at the Chantilly-Dulles Expo Holiday Inn for Friday (8/30/2013) - Sunday (9/1/2013) evenings.

The hotel is located at 4335 Chantilly Shopping Center (4.5 miles from the Dulles International Airport and 21.6 miles from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) - check-in time: 3pm/check-out time: 12pm.

The rooms will be available until August 15th on a first come, first served basis. The group special nightly rate for the hotel is \$89 (plus tax). Our group code LV8 should be used when you call the front desk: 1-703-815-6060 in order to get this rate.

CURRENT SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Friday, August 30 - 5-7pm

Meet & Greet

Reception/w Cash Bar Hotel (Grand Duke Room)

Saturday, August 31 Virginia Scottish Games

The Plains

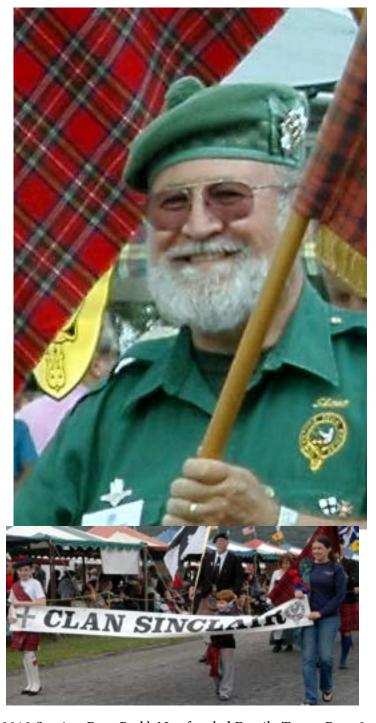
7:30pm Picnic/Barbeque Tom Sinclair's house in Alexandria

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES -

These games are months away; however, we are solicit-

ing the membership at this time as to their interest in attending.

Your response can be emailed to aginn@cox.net; or postal mailed to: Ward L. Ginn, 12147 Holly Knoll Circle, Great Falls, VA 22066



Glasgow Highland Games



Friday, May 31st - June 2nd, 2013

Last year, we hosted our first ever *Three Generations* celebration. It was such a resounding success, we are adding a special recognition time to our Sunday schedule. Bring your entire family.

What a wonderful memory for each of you to share.

For complete Glasgow Highland Games information contact:

ghg@glasgow-ky.com

Athletic Events

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For more information, visit our website at www.glasgowhighlandgames.com or email ghg@glasgow-ky.com. Feel free to call us at (270) 651-3141

Make plans now to visit Atlanta and Stone Mountain Highland Games in October

by Sylvia Elliott

Georgia Commissioner, Elliot Clan USA

Experience Southern hospitality and the pleasure of meeting the Elliot Clan Chief in person! Chief Margaret Eliott will attend the 41st Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, Georgia from October 18-20, 2013. Atlanta is a city with many activities for the entire family, and the Stone Mountain Games (SMHG) are one of the USA's biggest Scottish events.

CHIEF MARGARET ELIOTT'S ATTENDANCE

With great pleasure, Clan Elliot announces their 29th Clan Chief, Margaret Eliott, has accepted the invitation to attend the Games as Guest of Honor. She'll be accompanied by her husband Christopher. The fact that the Elliot Clan USA was founded at Stone Mountain in 1977, when her father (the late Sir Arthur Eliott) was the Honored Guest, adds a sense of history to this occasion. Chief Eliott has official speaking duties on Friday night and at all weekend ceremonies on the Games field. As the Honored Clan, the Elliots have the privilege of occupying a huge tent and private viewing area at the head of the parade field. This will give them splendid views (and sounds) of the 500+ member Massed Band, the Parade of Tartans, band competitions, and the falconry &herding demonstrations.

LOCATION

Atlanta is easily reached by plane or car, and has an AMTRAK station. October is the driest month of their year and the Games typically enjoy 60-70F weather. Atlanta is home to CNN, Coca Cola, Olympic Park, the world's largest aquarium, and a zoo with five pandas, to mention just a few tourist attractions.

Stone Mountain is a Georgia state park about 20 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta. In addition to the world's largest carved bas-relief mountainside, it contains theme/water park attractions, golf courses, a large

lake, carillon, and other entertainment. It's renowned for a laser show, the hike (or tram ride) to the mountaintop, and its numerous walkers, joggers, and cyclists. Bagpipe echoes waft eerily through the park on a SMHG weekend.

The Stone Mountain Games, nicknamed "The Friendly Games" or "Scots On The Rock", normally hosts around 30,000 visitors. There are meadows for athletic events and vendors, and wooded locations for entertainment stages and 100+ clan tents. There are few permanent buildings but paths are mostly wide and level with Tartan Taxi golf cart rides for those with mobility problems. Free parking is in an adjacent paved lot but arrive early to secure a spot.

GAMES SCHEDULE

Though SMHG lasts for 3 days, there are different arrangements each day plus ongoing activities. Plan a schedule to catch your favorite events or you WILL get sidetracked. The official schedule isn't online yet but 2013 events should be similar to previous times/discount prices:

Friday at the Hilton: genealogical and tartan seminars (various times, free), Whiskey Tasting (2:30pm, \$20), Music Recital (6pm, \$10), Patrons/Sponsors Receptions (7&8pm, by invitation only), Scottish Country Dance Gala (8pm, \$20)

Saturday at the park (9am-5:30pm, \$15): opening ceremony at noon, possible afternoon clan walkabout escorted by Elliot-tartan-wearing City of Dunedin Band, awards/closing ceremony 5pm; Elliot Clan banquet (contact Clan for details), laser show (8pm, free), ceilidh @ Hilton (8pm, \$10), Tartan Ball @ Hilton (8pm, \$20)

Sunday at the park (9am-5pm, \$13): kirking, kilted race, Parade of Tartans at noon, herding and falconry

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SAS OF TALLAHASSEE INVITES YOU

We are pleased to announce that your St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee is offering a four-session course on genealogy entitled "Finding Your Ancestors".

The course will be taught by Melody Porter of Thomasville, GA. Melody also teaches college-level courses on genealogy and is often called upon to speak on the subject at events like the "Family History Fair" put on biennially by the Tallahassee Church of Latter Day Saints.

She is an active member of the D.A.R. and the Cherokee and Creek Native-American Tribes. Many of you have already had a wonderful sample of Melody's enthusiasm at last night's SAS covered dish supper.

The "Finding Your Ancestors" course will be given on Monday and Thursday evenings, April 15, 18, 22, 25 from 6:00 until 8:30.

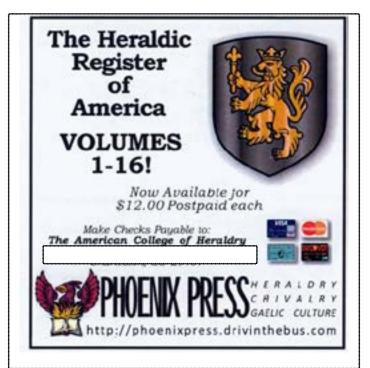
The total charge for the four sessions is \$25 for SAS members only (normally \$50) and with be held in the Board Room at Westminster Oaks' Parry Center.

The course size is limited to 25 participants to assure full and personal attention. The course will include topics such as documentation, source citations, research sources, manual forms and software, internet, libraries, archives, etc.

Course sign up will be on a first-come-first-served basis for St. Andrew members only, and will be limited to the first 25 who sign up. detach

SAS Finding Your Ancestors Course Registration -

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Friends of the College:

This is to advise that I have moved for work, and with me goes the College. Please note the new address for mailed communication, as shown below.

Thank you!

The new address is:

David Robert Wooten
Executive Director,
The American College of Heraldry
1818 North Taylor Street #312
Little Rock, AR 72207

FAX: 877-588-4459
Web: www.americancollegeofheraldry.org

Beth Gay-Freeman and Thomas R. Freeman, Jr. have moved!

Our new numbers are:

688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523

Email: bethscribble@aol.com tom@caberdancer.com

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demos, closing ceremony (4:30pm)

Tickets for Games, required state park Car Entry Passes, and events at the Hilton can all be ordered online in advance (discount ends mid-September), or at full price at the event/park. They can sell out, so book early.

ACCOMMODATION

Whatever accommodation you select, reserve promptly since SMHG usually fills all nearby hotels.

The Hilton Atlanta Northeast is the official Host Hotel of SMHG. It's located in Norcross, 15 miles from the state park (a 30-45 minute drive, don't believe GoogleMaps) and is the site of all Friday events and some evening events listed above. The reservation number is (770) 447-4747.

Those who don't care for big city driving may prefer the Marriott Stone Mountain Inn hotel. It's located inside the state park almost adjacent to the SMHG field and literally across the street from the mountain carving. There is another hotel inside the state park, the large Marriott Evergreen Resort. The reservation number for both Marriotts is: 1(800) 228-9290

Outside the state park there are several chain hotels in the nearby suburb of Stone Mountain.

Inside the state park there are over 400 excellent campsites for tents and RVs, many are lakeside. Numerous Scottish campfires are found here!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This Elliot gathering will be on Saturday afternoon, in a reserved pavilion or tent in the Clan Forest and all Elliot members are invited to participate in the clan's governance. Officer elections will take place.

BANQUET

The Elliots will have a clan banquet on Saturday evening immediately after the Games. The "Down Home Southern Buffet" menu will feature Southern foods with accents such as pecans, peaches, bourbon sauce and hush puppies.

Following the meal, the famous Stone Mountain laser show will take place about 8pm. Lasting around 40 minutes, this free music/lights/fireworks spectacular uses the mountain carving as a massive animation screen for those watching from below. A truly memorable outdoor event but it requires a short walk after a long day and big dinner.

REFERENCE WEBSITES

Stone Mountain Games Hilton hotel

http://www.smhg.org http://www.atlantanortheast.hilton.com

Marriott hotel http://www.marriott. com/hotels/travel/atlsi-stone-mountain-inn

Stone Mountain Park http://www.stonemoun-

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Don't forget in Tallahassee:

1. Springtime Tallahassee/Tartan Day in America! – April 6

Those individuals who wish to walk in the parade behind the pipe band please, contact Laurie Long. Laurie will notify us of the time and location to gather prior to "step-off" so you can get a tartan banner to carry.

The St. Andrew Society will also be staffing a membership recruiting booth in the Park on the side next to Pack Ave. East across from the Doubletree Hotel. A number of you have already signed up but I could use more members to stop by and help out for an hour. I really need additional help at 5:00-6:00 taking down the booth and loading it back in my truck. Give me a call at 445.1077.

Tartan Day at Aprons Cooking School. Sign up today by calling Publix at 893.3480. All inclusive \$45.

2. "Finding Your Ancestors" – April 15, 18, 22, 25 – Mondays & Thursdays – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

A special 4-part genealogy course for St. Andrew Society members only. Course will be held in the Conference Room of the Parry Center at Westminster. Course normally costs \$50 per student. SAS price \$25. Course taught by Melody Porter. We still have five seats still available. Cut-off date is Monday, April 8. Call Eric today at 445.1077!

Have you seen this tartan asks the Scottish Tartan authority?

Here's another tartan sent in to us for identifying . . and we failed! No match out of 8,106 entries in our database. If anyone's got any ideas - please just let us know at the usual address admin@tartansauthority.com



Sir Malcolm Colquhoun, Chief of the Colquhouns, to be Distinguished Guest at the GMHG near Linville, NC this coming July 13 weekend

Sir Malcolm Colquhoun, Chief of the Colquhouns, will be a Distinguished Guest at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, NC the weekend of July 13th, 2013.

The GMGH (www.gmhg.org) are held about ½ mile up the mountain in MacRae Meadow off US 221. The general public attending the games are required to park in various designated locations and be shuttled up to MacRae Meadow usually on a bus. The closest public parking is in Linville at US 221 and Hwy 105. Here is what the games published on their website for last year:

Shuttle Bus Information

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from Boone are \$10.00 per person. The Shuttle buses run from Caldwell Community College Parking lot in Boone to MacRae Meadows and back. Boone shuttle service iIf you purchase a 4-day advance ticket the round-trip shuttle bus ride is free all 3 days from Caldwell Community Col-

lege Parking lot in Boone and from the Avery County High School (Friday and Saturday) and the Linville Lot (Saturday and Sunday).

No Shuttle bus services for the night events. Those riding the shuttle buses to the day events must shuttle off the mountain by 5:00 pm and drive back to the mountain. The night events are general public parking.

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from Linville lot are \$5.00 roundtrip, \$3.00 one-way. (Saturday and Sunday)

Round-trip tickets on the shuttle bus from the paved parking lots at Avery County High School (Friday and Saturday) are \$5.00.

There is no general handicap parking.

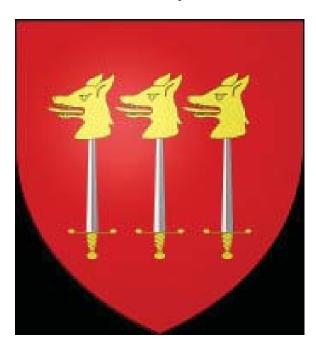
There is RV and primitive tent camping available at MacRae Meadow. If you were to use an RV you should count on getting there by Wednesday or Thursday and

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Clan Skene Association, Inc.

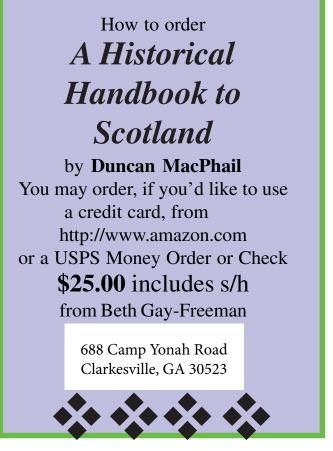
The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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staying until at least Monday. The best (and flattest) tent spots go quickly and it is quite crowded by Friday and Saturday nights. There is also a fine state campground on the Parkway (Julian Price) in between Blowing Rock and the exit for Grandfather Mountain.

There are several small towns surrounding GMHG to stay at.

The Sugar Mountain/Beech Mountain/Banner Elk area is a ski resort during the winter. Traffic can be heavy on Hwy 105 going to the games leaving from this area, so be sure to leave early.

Boone is a larger town past this area. Last week there was a reasonable rate at the InnPlace in Boone on the Hotels.com website. It's not far from the Caldwell Community College parking mentioned above.

Blowing Rock is a smaller town south of Boone. It's possible to reach GMHG using the Blue Ridge Parkway from Boone or Blowing Rock. You would actually pass the games entrance on Hwy 221, go down the mountain, park, and ride the shuttle back up.

If you would like to go and have any questions beyond this description please contact the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games website. We would love to see you there and we're hoping for a large turnout for our Distinguished Guest!

Scotland County Games NEWS! STOP Press! Stop Press!

2013 will have a LOT in store for the 5th Annual Scotland County Highland Games!

Stop press: 2013 Guest Piping Recitalist/Judge will be Mr. Bruce Gandy - a not to be missed concert event by another Gold Medalist, composer, and instructor in a hopeful repeat of what was one of our most successful "additional" events last year!

Stop press: 2nd Annual Whisky Tasting - enjoy gourmet food pairings with rare and notable single malt whiskies - one of last year's NEW events that was a huge success! Spaces will be limited, but the price will be right for a grand event to delight the taste buds of even the most discriminating palates!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COME BOTH HERE AND SOON ON OUR WEBSITE.

Would you like to learn Scottish Gaelic? You CAN at the 15th Annual Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Language and Song Week!

Interested in Scottish Gaelic, the ancient and revered tongue of Scotland that's still spoken today? Please join us for the 15th Annual Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Language and Song Week, July 7-12, 2013, at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC.

An Comunn Gàidhealach Ameireaganach (The American Scottish Gaelic Society, ACGA) brings you three distinguished Gaelic Instructors for a week of educational and fun-filled classes. James Graham and Kirsteen MacDonald are both Scottish Royal National Mòd gold medal winners for song. They will be teaching the intermediate and advanced classes. Dr. Jamie MacDonald, who was instrumental in founding the Grandfather Mountain Gaelic Language and Song Week and the NC Provincial Mòd, will be teaching the beginners' classes.

This year's instructors:

James Graham is from Lochinver in the far Northwest corner of Sutherland. In 2004, James won the BBC Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award – the first male and first Gaelic singer to do so. In 2007, James won the gold medal in Gaelic singing at the Royal National Mòd in Lochaber. James is a talented singer as well as an accomplished piper and he has released two acclaimed solo albums. Here's a sample:http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm-Uhub-HMZw James works with many artists in the Gaelic music scene, including Mary Anne Kennedy, Fiona Mackenzie, Brian Ó hEadhra, and Rachel Walker.

Kirsteen MacDonald is an award-winning singer and is a well-known BBC Gaelic television broadcaster. She *Continued on page 12*



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If you have been awarded your own Arms by the Lyon Court in Edinburgh, Scotland, we'd like to feature them in these pages. Just send a note telling us about how and why you were honored plus a rendering of your Arms in color (jpeg files, please) and a copy of your Achievement in any Word format.

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has worked on the children's show Dè a-nis? and is now BBC's first ever Gaelic weather reporter. Kirsteen also presents the weekly news review programme, Seachd Là. In addition to teaching language and song, Kirsteen will also be covering the week's activities and the Highland Games for the BBC.

For an example of Kirsteen's music visit: http://www.musicinscotland.com/acatalog/MP3_Kirsteen_Mac-Donald_CDs.html.

North Carolina's own *Dr. Jamie MacDonald* will be teaching the beginners' classes this year. Jamie holds a Ph.D. in Scottish Studies from the University of Edinburgh and a DipHE in Gaelic and Related Studies from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in the Isle of Skye. Jamie has taught Gaelic language and song in the U.S. and Scotland, and was Professor of Celtic Studies at St. Francis Xavier University in Canada.

Gaelic song and language classes will range from absolute beginners to advanced, so everyone can join in the fun. Every afternoon there will be additional activi-

ties, such as special topic workshops and hikes along the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain Trails.

For those who choose to stay on for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games the following weekend, there will be plenty of Gaelic heard at the Gaelic Tent, including the Gaelic sing-alongs. The 17th Annual North Carolina Provincial Gaelic Mòd will be held Saturday afternoon. The Mod is a Gaelic song competition that is open for anyone who wishes to take part.

More detailed information, including cost and registration form, will be available soon at http://www.acgamerica.org/events/grandfather-mountain/.

To find out more about the Gaelic Week, you can contact Dr. Jamie MacDonald at 902-386-2072 or John Grimaldi at 917-756-3643. You may also contact us by email at gaelteach@gmail.com or iainmartainn@aol. com

Please join us!

A' cumail na Gàidhlig Beò - Keeping Gaelic Alive!

Find out more about Gaelic Week by contacting Dr. Jamie MacDonald Phone 902-386-2072

Email: gaelteach@gmail.com or iainmartainn@aol.com

Does anyone know about The Perrott Family Society meeting?

Hi! I just saw your *Newfangled Tree* site and am wondering when the next Perrott Society meeting is? I am researching a family tree and would like to meet other fellow Perrotts!

Beth Putnam

See Below for Perrott information!

cliffhouse49@yahoo.com

Celebrate Tartan Day April 6

The p*rr*tt (and all other spellings) Society Welcomes you to our 2013 Meeting in Salisbury

The big meeting will be at the Salisbury Arts Centre in the beautifully converted St. Edmunds Church in the heart of Salisbury.

The meeting will take place on Saturday 20 April 2013 from 10 AM til 4 PM.

Many members are choosing to stay for the weekend.

Meetings will take place from Friday, the 19th through Sunday the 21st.

The meeting is open to all members and non-members and is FREE.

You are invited to join us - all you need is an interest in a P*ERR*T name.

To help those who don't know Salisbury well, we have prepared an information packet;

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GAMES HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

WITH MANY THANKS TO THE CLAN SUTHERLAND NEWSLETTER

- April 6 7: San Antonio Highland Games Helotes, TX http://www.sahga.org/
- April 13: Dunedin Military Tattoo, 7pm Dunedin, FL http://www.dunedinhighland games.com/tattoo.html
- April 19 21: Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games, Hunters ville, NC http://www.ruralhillscottishfesti vals.net/index.htm
- April 20 21: The Vegas Games, Las Vegas, NV http://www.lasvegascelticsociety.org/
- April 26 27: Triad Highland Games, Greens boro, NC http://www.triadhighlandgames. org/
- April 27: Celtic Festival of Southern Mary land Prince Frederick, MA http://www.cssm.org/index
- May 3 5: Scottish Festival and Celtic Gath ering Bridgeport/Clarksburg, WV http://www.scots-westvirginia.org/
- May 3 5: Texas Scottish Festival and High land Games, Arlington, TX, http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/
- May 11 to 19: Victoria Highland Games, Victoria Island, BC http://victoriahighland games.com/ (150 Years)
- May 18: Eugene Scottish Fest, Eugene, (Santa Clara) OR http://www.eugenescottishfestival.com/ESF2012Photos/ESF2012.htm
- May 11: Prescott Highland Games. Prescott, AZ http://prescotthighlandgames.com/
- May 11: Frederick Celtic Festival, Frederick Maryland, http://www.sasmm.com/celtic_festival.htm
- May 11: Savannah Scottish Games and High land Gathering, Savanna, GA http://www.savannahscottishgames.com/

- May 4: Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, Eagan, MN http://www.mnscottish fair.org/
- May 17 19: Smokey Mountain Highland Games Formerly the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games Maryville, TN http:// www.gsfg.org/
- May 18: Rio Grande Valley Celtive Festival, Al buquerque, NM, http://www.celtfestabq.com/
- May 18: Colonial Highland Gathering, Fair Hill, Maryland.
- May 18: A Celtic Gathering Lancaster, OH http://www.lancastercelticgathering.com/Lancaster_Celtic_Gathering/Welcome.html
- May Memorial day Weekend: Greater Green ville Scottish Games & Highland Festival, Greenville, SC http://www.gallabrae.com/
- May 25 -26: Alma Highland Festival and Games, Alma, MI, http://www.almahighlandfestival.com/
- May 25 -26: ScotsFest, Costa Mesa, CA http://www.scotsfest.com/
- June 29: Scottish American Society of Michi gan new site, details to come later. http://www.scotsofmichigan.com/events. html
- May 31 June 1: Bellingham Highland Games Ferndale, WA http://www.bellinghamhigh land.org/
- July: 13 14: Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mt Vernon, WA http://celticarts.org. July 20: Portland Highland Games, Gresham, OR http://www.phga.org/
- July 27 28: Pacific Northwest Scottish High land Games and Clan Gathering Enumclaw, WA http://www.sshga.org/home.htm

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Bethabara Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival set for May 11, 2013 at Bethebara Park

Bethabara Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival May 11, 2013 Bliadhna Mhath Ur! Just for luck...

join us for the Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park. Reminiscent of the Scotch Fairs that were held in the Carolinas in May in the late 1790s, the Bethabara Highland Games offers a relaxing day for family gatherings with congenial kinfolk, musical entertainment and the camaraderie of competition.

The 13th (do you see a theme developing here) Annual Bethabara Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival will begin with the Ceilidh (kay-lee) on Friday May 10 at the Community Arts Café, 411 West Fourth Street from 7-11 pm.

Bring your instrument and join in. Admission to this event is \$10.00 (or \$5.00 if you bring an instrument). The new spontaneous concept has been a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing what will happen next.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

On Saturday May 11, 2013 the field at Historic Bethabara Park opens to the public at 10:00 am with some athletic events already underway.

The Welcome Center and historic buildings open at 10:30 am.

Admission to the event and access to the historic buildings is FREE. Traditional Scottish athletic competitions are once again a highlight of this year's Games with tartan-clad athletes throwing the 56 lb and 28 lb weights for height and distance. We have invited a roster of amateur Scottish heavy athletes that are the names to watch for the future of this exciting sport. They come to test their skill by tossing the 100+ pound, 19+ foot caber end over end and with the Clachneart, the hammer and in the sheaf toss.

Past Bethabara competitors include former World Champion Larry Brock.

With our roots in Celtic music, we are proud to announce the 2nd Bethabara Scottish Fiddle Com-



petition. Melinda Crawford, a sanctioned Scottish F.I.R.E. judge and a former U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Champion will offer a seminar and judge the competition.

The competition, sanctioned by Scottish FIRE, will offer competitors the privilege of competing in the National Scottish Fiddle Competition.

We will continue our focus on traditional music as

The Fiddle and Bow Society hosts entertainment on the Main Stage and pipe bands,

The Triad Highlanders, NC State Pipe band, and Clan Lindsey Pipe Band perform throughout the day.

Participation is a hallmark of Scottish Games. Your kinsmen may try their hand at the Battle-axe competition.

There are activities for the kids that include Colonial games and the children's Scottish athletic competition.

Kilts will again be available for the children at NO charge.

There are Border collie demonstrations and several seminars about Scottish history.

You could learn a new Scottish Country dance.

You may plan your own picnic or partake of the food offered by vendors adjacent our shady picnic area

You may shop for tartan, short bread, and other unique gifts offered in the Celtic Vendors Row.

Parking is easy peasy.

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New membership policy for The Clan Turnbull Association

The Turnbull Clan Association officers and members have approved a new membership policy to begin in 2013. Based on work done by outgoing TCA President Rhet Turnbull, this is a more open membership approach designed to increase participation in the clan association, especially by our younger members.

This new membership structure will continue to provide all of the same benefits to which you are accustomed plus more, including the Bullseye newsletters, web information, participation in Scottish games and events, and genealogy. Membership is free to all in order to attract younger members. Members who have been supporting the clan with dues are encouraged to continue to do so.

This new social model of membership, available for free to all Turnbull clan members, is a result of changes in the way people now interact with each other. Social

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Program or pick one up at the Front Gate or Visitor Center.

Attendance at the Bethabara Highland Games is very family oriented with lots of stuff for the kids.

Please remember the NO Pets policy.

Just for luck (can't have too much)... I invite you to be a part of the fun again. Join in.

I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you with your suggestions and recommendations as we plan for the future of the Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park... truly the best game in town.

Yours aye, Ed Bodenheimer, President - 336-403-4309 ed@bodenheimerplumbing.com

Exhibitors will offer demonstrations and sales of traditional crafts and Celtic items.

Historic Bethabara Park, City of Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department 2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336)924-8191 | info@bethabarapark.org

Visitor Center and Exhibit Buildings open April 1 - December 12 (closed Thanksgiving Day) Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Saturday-Sunday 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

contact is often virtual (online) and casual. It is personal and is more about family and friends than about history and heritage. Consequently, TCA's policies have been redesigned to support the virtual and physical interaction of family and friends while encouraging knowledge of our clan history and heritage.

Anyone who is a Turnbull or a member of an allied sept is already a member of the Turnbull Clan. That is his or her birthright and is part of the foundation of the clan system. Another important part of the clan foundation is the concept of being united and coming together to support each other. That is also a primary purpose of our Turnbull Clan Association. TCA provides a way for clan members to unite virtually as well as in person and to share socially from all over the world.

Membership registration is free and easy. The computer screen pictures in the article attached to this message illustrate the simple steps involved. Please note that you will generally be expected to maintain your account through the TCA website. If you are unable to do so you may email account change requests to: secretary@turnbullclan.com.

Because Bullseye newsletter notifications are sent by email and most interaction is online, it will be better if each member of your household has his/her own separate TCA account. Please encourage everyone including youth and young adults to register. Every member must have a unique login name and email address. If you use a single household email address, be sure to share your Turnbull web login and newsletter announcements.



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20th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games accepting registrations for its individual piping and drumming, pipe band and Highland dance competitions

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: The 20th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games is accepting registrations for its individual piping and drumming, pipe band, and highland dance competitions to be held April 20 - 21, 2013. Festival goers will be thrilled by the Celtic music and dance performances that highlight the competition weekend. Registration forms and complete event information can be found online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

The Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games is proud to offer competition for pipe bands and solo pipers and drummers. Events include Grades I – IV piping and drumming and Grade III, Grade IV and Grade V pipe band competition. Festival goers will also be able to watch three Massed Band performances during the weekend (2012 photo, top right) currently scheduled for noon and 4:30 PM on Saturday, and noon on Sunday. (Schedule subject to change.)

The Festival and Games is honored to host the Carolinas Open Highland Dancing Championships, one of six sanctioned championships held in the United States. Highland dances were traditionally performed by men before and after battle. Scottish dances such as the Highland Fling and the Ghillie Callum (the sword dance), as well as solo dances, are so vigorous that dancers must be in top physical shape to perform. The Carolinas Open includes competitions for multiple age groups and levels. For the past three years Daniel Carr (photo, right) has swept the Carolinas Open in his divisions. A crowd favorite known as the "Young King of Highland Dance," Carr is the 2010 Adult World Highland Dance Champion.

The 20th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games will be held rain or shine April 20 – 21, 2013. Fun for the entire family, the Festival & Games weekend offers live traditional and Celtic rock music from seven national acts and a Saturday night Celtic Jam, genealogy search, over 30 Scottish clans and their representatives, Scottish country dancing, an Ultra Trail 5K run, professional and amateur heavy athletics, long bow competition, battle axe competition, demonstrations, whiskey seminars, the "Kids' Zone" with children's activities, and Rural Hill's famous historic encampment. Complete information and tick-

ets are available at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

Proceeds from all annual events are used for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its educational programs. Rural Hill is a part of the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation program, and is open to all members of the community for their enjoyment.

Celebrating more than 250 years in history...Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road (off Beatties Ford Road) in Huntersville, 28078. The former homestead of Major John and Violet Davidson, the 265 acre site is maintained and promoted by Historic Rural Hill Inc. and features annual events such as the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze, the Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials, and the NC Brewers and Music Festival.

Historic Rural Hill Inc. is a non-profit organization supported through membership and donations, and with proceeds from its events utilized for the preservation of Historic Rural Hill and its education efforts. For more information on events or for financial support accepted securely online, please visit www.ruralhill.net.





Here's a sort of belated "Happy Hogmanay" from a group at the cabins at Lucas, Kentucky at the Glasgow Highland Games site this last New Year's Eve. The group are all members of The Kingdome of Raknar with the gude king Brodir in the red shirt and suspenders on the right side. This makes the umpteenth year that members of the group have gathered for much fun, eating, visiting, telling tall tales and great friendship. Look closely, you'll find friends of yours.

Clan Turnbull 2013 AGM plans are changed!

The 2013 Annual General Meeting venue for The Clan Turnbull Association has changed.

The AGM was originally scheduled for July 11-14 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina. Due to unforeseen ircumstances the location and date have changed.

The 2013 AGM will now take place October 19 -20 at

the Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond, VA.

Our gracious hosts will be Bill and Claudia Trimble.

More details will follow, including banquet venue and hotel so let's all plan to attend and make it one of the best! For more information about the Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games visit www.vacelticfestival.com.

Flowers of the Forest

We are writing to let you know that **Patricia Jean Mills McLean** passed away on December 30, 2012. My mother, "Mama Pat" McLean had suffered a massive stroke on Saturday, 12/22/2012.

Mom was NC Deputy Convener for Clan Gillean USA (Clan Maclean).

She was known for her sweet disposition, her sweet smile, her ability to make everyone feel included, and her cooking and crafting expertise.

Mom's abilities helped Clan Maclean amass many Best Tent trophies, and her shortbread monopolized to winnings at Triad Highland Games for many years!

Also, she was the recipient of the 2008 Audrey Peebles McLean Award as Clan Gillean USA Clanswoman of the Year.

Elizabeth Anne Carr Haring Blair, Anne Blair, age 95, of Mtn. Brook, passed peacefully Saturday, August 25, 2012 at home.

Anne was born December 6, 1916, in Ann Arbor, Mich igan to Carlyle R., and Bernice P. Carr.

She graduated Scarborough High School, Tarrytown, New York; and attended Katharine Gibbs Fine Arts School 2 year secretarial program, New York City.

Anne married Graham Haring, June 23, 1940, and was widowed with 2 young children in 1954, in Cleveland, Ohio. She relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona to be near her elderly parents, where she lived until marrying (the late) Harrison W. Blair on March 18, 1967, she then moved to Birmingham.

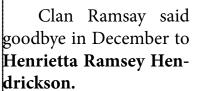
Together they enjoyed volunteering with Alabama Symphony Orchestra, traveling the world; she also enjoyed working at the information booth of Birmingham Museum of Art.

Mrs. Blair loved animals, enjoyed riding horses, and particularly her days spent at Patchwork Farms with her friends and her beloved horse Jester.

The family wishes to thank Jacqueline Cox and Eula Struggs for their extraordinary care, and trusted friendship.

Mrs. Blair is survived by her daughters, Pamela (Robert) Arthur and Carrlyn Clay; 3 grandchildren: Wendy (Tom) Julian, Blaine (Nicolle) Pitkin, Justin Bates and the late Cody Bates who preceded her in death. She has 5 great-grandchildren, Zachary and Alexander Julian, Ronnie and Donnie Pitkin, and Jordan Bates also Mel Robinson a dear and beloved friend to Anne and family.







Henrietta was born in 1921 and was a member of "The Greatest Generation" She retired from Union Carbide where she was a computer programmer and worked in the Radiation Shielding Information Center.

During WWII she worked at Oak Ridge and was part of the massive effort to develop the first atomic bomb.

Henrietta was the mother of Clan Member John Hendrickson our DNA research administrator. She was a great lady and we will miss her

Anni Flora Sharp, born 19 October 2011, infant daughter of Rev. Brian and Traci Sharp (TN), died of SIDS on 18 February, 2012. She is survived by her older sister Emori.



Congratulations to Carol Stephenson on her induction into the Order of St. Margaret at the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati's annual St. Andrew's Ball.

As the oldest Caledonian Society in the U.S. (est. in 1827), it has a rich traditional history. As the award was not announced ahead of time, Carol was most pleasantly surprised when the Society's President announced that Carol would receive the Order of St. Margaret.

This honor is bestowed on women members from time-to-time (not every year) to recognize someone's efforts in supporting the Caledonian Society. Carol was honored for all she does to promote awareness of Scotland's history and Highland traditions.

Please folks. I've had less than 3 days and several rather panicky telephone calls to John (my teacher) and a letter from my dear friend in Australia (Susan) telling me how to do this new program, InDesign.

I don't know how to make ruled lines. I am not sure how to do photos...although doing a little better with that. I'm not comfortable placing type or really doing much of anything.

I am expert at changing fonts and clicking on off. It will get better, I am told.

Please forgive me for any "boo boos"...John is proofing this, so hope there won't be any horrid mis-cues on my part.

It will take awhile. Thanks for your patience.

Historic Scotland's new Inventory of Historic Battlefields misses some

Thirty-Nine Battles have been placed on HYistoric Scotland's new Inventory of Historic Battlefields after four years of research and public consultation.

The Inventory is an important step towards increased site protection and will serve as a guide for local planning authorities.

"Introducing this first Inventory of HIstoric Battle-fields acknowledged this high level of public interest and support for giving lasting recognition to places where lives have been lost, even where no other commemoration has existed," noted the Scottish Government's Culture and and External Affairs Secretary Fiona Hyslop.

The list does include such well-known places as Bannockburn and Culloden, as well as lesws-famous clashes as Drumeclog in 1679, Muloroy in 1688 and Dupplin Moor in 1332.

One of the most important battles in early Scottish history, Mons Graupius in AD 83 or 84, did not make the Inventory for the sad reasons that historians are still unsure just where it took place.

What is known is that the Roman IX "Hispania" Legion took on and defeated a reported 30,000 Caledonians, enabling Rome to advance its frontier to the extreme northern limit later marked by the Antonine Wall, giving what became southern Scotland a brief, but significant period of Roman influence and occupation.

Generally believed to have been somewhere in the range of the present-day Grampian Mountains, suggested locations for the battle include Dunning in Perthshire, Carpow in Fife, Bennachie near Aberdeen and even Culloden in the Highlands.

The mystery remains though.

Another major Scottish battlefield missed the list because it is in England. Nevertheless, with its 500th anniversary coming up this year, plans are afoot to commemorate the disastrous 1513 battle of Flodden.

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded nine-hundredthousand pounds for the creation of the Flodden 1513 Eco-Museum, which will expand access to the battle site which is mostly located on private land. It will link together several other sites associated with the battle in Northumbria, the Borders and Edinburgh.

To this day, Flowers of the Forest are commemorated in the haunting refrain played at funerals.



Lynne Leslie, Frank Leslie, Candace Leslie, the Honorable Andrew Morrison Vicount Dunrossil, David Leslie White, Robert H. Leslie at the 51st annual Salado, TX Scottish Gathering and Highland Games.

Celebrate Tartan Day April 6

Turnbull Fatlips Castle Restored!



Fatlips Castle, a 16th century pele tower of rectangular stone was founded by the Turnbulls of Barnhill. It is located at the top of Minto Crags in Roxburghshire, Scotland.

The entrance to the tower leads to a vaulted basement with a spiral stair in one corner giving access to the other two stories and a garret. A round caphouse found at the garret leads to Ruberslaw can be seen from the parapet. The tower is 8.15 meters from north to south and 9.83 meters from east to west.

Fatlips was acquired by Sir Gilbert Elliot in 1705, whose family became the Earl of Minto. The castle was extensively restored in 1857 by Sir Robert Lorimer.

The interior was further renovated in 1897-1898. It was used as a shooting lodge and private museum until about 1960.

Since that time until very recently, the building was in ruins, worsening each year. It was to the point that there was not much roof at all left and the door was cemented closed to prevent people from entering and being injured.

How Fatlips got its name has several theories. One is that the Turnbulls had a child with Down Syndrome, and he lived in the castle away from others. Another goes back to a supernatural being known as Fatlips, named so by a disturbed woman who lived in castle shadows during the day and wandered about at night.

When asked how she survived and found food, she said that the spirit Fatlips provided it.

Perhaps the most common acceptance today for the name is said to have come from the male members of the Turnbull household greeting house guests. It is suggested that they were more forward than what was accepted for the times, with the gentlemen kissing the ladies upon entering the castle.

It has long been a destination point for Turnbulls of the Borders and visiting Turnbulls. It has been a dream that the castle be restored and saved from destruction.

Many years ago, Gemma (honorary Turnbull) Barnard set about informing people of Fatlips peril and to bring awareness of its need for restoration.

Gemma's love for the castle stems from her childhood. Growing up in the Bedrule area, she used to climb the crags to the castle frequently, where she could play and look out across the beautiful Borders. It hurt to see how each year, Fatlips fell into more disrepair.

Her efforts paid off. Local attention brought about National attention and even International attention.

In November of 2011, Historic Scotland with the Minto family took on the task of restoring Fatlips. The recognition that Fatlips was in need of restoration and was worthy of restoration is a result of Gemma's vigilance to the project.

The community of the Borders and Turnbulls worldwide are deeply indebted to Gemma Hon Turnbull Barnard for her efforts to make and keep Fatlips in the forefront of Borders heritage. From the Soles' Northernmost Realm came the Scot, Bred with the Stoutest Will, the Canniest Wit, and the Bravest Heart. For reasons Dire did Scots forsake kin and kith and set across the face of the earth to fend for themselves, and in the process, they built nations, empires, and new worlds...

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