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Hotel founder Lady Claire Macdonald, who collected the award, added: "It was so lovely to represent the Kinloch team at the wonderful awards ceremony. Although we are still very much involved with Kinloch, Godfrey and I handed over the day to day running of the hotel and restaurant to our daughter Isabella and chef director Marcello Tully nearly ten years ago and it has been wonderful to watch them take Kinloch forward and to continue to go from strength to strength. We are very proud of everyone."



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## Guest Letter this month

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Submitted to *The Guardian* by Bob Wallace.  
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To the right: William Wallace, Guardian of Scotland



# Why Americans Should Thank Scotland (And William Wallace) For Their Freedom

“When freedom is hard fought to obtain, it becomes a most precious commodity to maintain.”

The Scottish knew this to be true in the 14<sup>th</sup> century when they were struggling to overcome the rule of England. In fact, the impact of their struggle has a direct relation to the struggle and ultimate victory of the colonists in the American Revolution.

The parallel can be seen in America’s *Declaration of Independence* and that of the *Declaration of Arbroath* of 1320.

Let’s look at the corollary points.

According to Linda McDonald-Lewis, author of *Warriors and Wordsmiths of Freedom: The Birth and Growth of Democracy*, much of the mindset for the forming of this country’s declaration document has considerable influence from the Scottish concept of independence and freedom.

“If Americans want to understand their history, they need to look to Scotland, because that is where their ideals come from,” she says. “And Scots should look across the Atlantic to see where their homegrown doctrines and ideas have been most fully embraced.”

About half of the signers of the *Declaration of Independence* were of Scottish descent, including Thomas Jefferson himself; in fact a few of the signers were former ex-patriates of the Jacobite rebellions (uprisings intended to re-install James II of Scotland as king of England.)

Among the colonists that fought in the Revolutionary War and gave the ultimate sacrifice, a large number

were of Scottish ancestry.

The *Declaration of Arbroath* was presented to the pope in 1320 to affirm Scottish independence from England.

“A lot of Scots who had to leave Scotland after the failed Jacobite rebellion ended up dying on American battlefields, fighting the same enemy on a different field,” McDonald-Lewis says. “The research I have done tracing these stories has really joined up a lot of dots in the intertwining histories of these two great nations.”

Among the most curious connections: George Washington owned a wood “snuff” box supposedly made from the same tree where Scottish hero William Wallace hid from his pursuers.

But it is the fight for freedom – and the respective founding documents – that carries the strongest ties.

With roughly half the signers being of Scottish descent, including Jefferson who wrote the first *Declaration of Independence* drafts, it isn’t difficult to imagine the *Declaration of Arbroath* playing a key role, particularly in inspiration.

It reads in part: “As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honors that we are fighting, but for freedom – for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.”

*The Declaration of Independence* reads, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are cre-

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## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Applications are currently being considered for **one week** scholarships to *The School of Scottish Arts* (for dance) in Minneapolis, North Carolina and the *North American Academy of Piping and Drumming* in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

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# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airs an Letters

### *A lovely letter from George Watt and The Journal o Scots Airs an Letters...*

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It turns out, it is great fun!)

Haein jyned yer bit craik ower the pondie, I div enjoy raedin aa yer camins an gangins.

I maun sey I div admire yes aa for yer enthusiasm. Ye's fair like tae gae it a birl!

Occourse, bein ae Watt, I cannae help but tak ae speical interest in fit the Clan Buchanan are daein.

For those o ye faa dinnae ken, an yer aa sae weel aquant wi yer Scottish ness I doot thair's nae mony, but Watt is ae sept o Buchanan.

I hae worn Buchanan tartan kilts since I wis ae wee loun.

Ma mither's pride an joy wis ae photie taein o me fan I wis mibbie 5 year aul dressed in ma Buchanan tairtan kilt, wi ae secret bodice tae kep it frae faain down!

She aye haed it on shaw richt up till her dein dey an she lived tae be 99 an sax month.

Pairt o her mibbie wushit I haed remained yon braw wee lounie.

I wis in ae wee toun in Scotland famous for ae tourist destination. I winnae sey fit ane. Onywey, I wis walkin up the street an in ae Tartan shoppie wis ae braw weithered Buchanan.

Noo I hae aye worn the original, bonny an bricht, thou gin ye tak oot intil the braken ye wuid see it camouflages richt brawlie, onywey, this weithered Buchanan luikit richt sonsie an I wis fair taein wae it.

I hae trei kilts aareadies (ane for hillwalking ane for dauncin and for fu dress) an dinnae need anither but I gaed in tae hae a bit luik sae sair tempted wis I.

Onywey, I went ower tae the dumbie, inspectit the kilt an felt the wecht o the tairtan, an onywan faa saw me wuid hae kent I maun ken ae thing or twa about kilts.

But nae the shoppie billie! Aa dressed up like ae Heilan Lairdie cheil, he staitit tae tell me aa about the kilt een fit tairtan it wis an him ae wee Inglisman!

I maun admit I cuidnae thole yon, I growled at him, 'I ken fit it is' an strode outside - but it wis ae richt bonny kilt.

We at the Scots Language Society hae been busy makin new CDs.

We hae Sheena Blackhall, the tap screiver o Doric raedin her ain short story 'Minnie' ower 3 CDs.

Then oot o the blui, Sheena sent me twa CDs o hersel raedin her poesy an singin *Bothy Ballads*.

Maist o ye I'm sure ken aa about the *Bothy Ballads*, onywey Sheena is also ae champion singer o the airt.

Ae richt braw gift tae oor associe I can tell ye. Noo I dinnae ken gin ony o ye ken Margaret Marenich, but she is an American lady faa screives richt bonny Scots an she learnt frae listenin tae Sheena Blackhall.

Sheena cams frae Aiberdeenshire an ma Watt heritage is frae the Broch - yon's Fraserburgh tae you an me richt up in the nor-aist o Scotland.

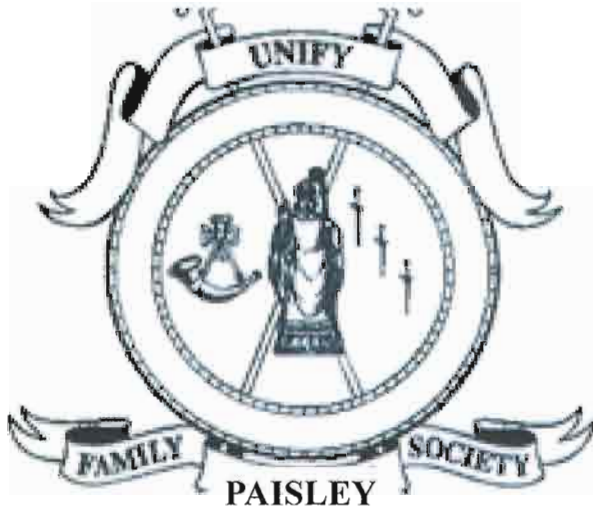
Nae wunner I maun spik an screive tae ye aa in Scots.

Aa the best aye noo, George T. Watt.

*Thank you, George! All the best to you, too! As I say about many of my dear friends and cohorts, you, my new friend, are a hoot! Beth*



**Braw weithered Buchanan**



The guidon of the Chieftain

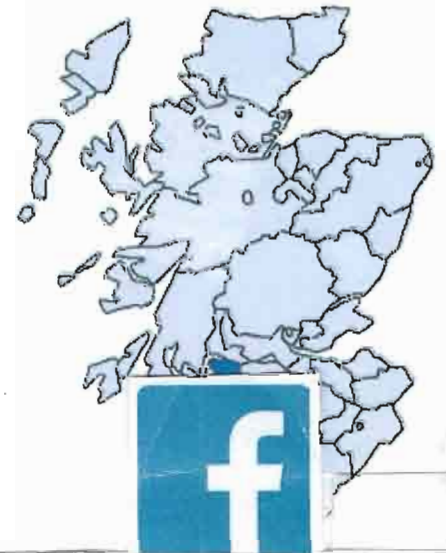


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at [www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk) to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). For the Paisley DNA Project, visit [dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)



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3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com).

## German Genealogical Research Seminar

*Saturday, April 1, 2017*

Speaker: Joanne Ryder - Past President - SW Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Member of the Charlotte County Genealogical Society

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street, Meeting Rooms A & B

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## Overcoming Brickwalls in Your Genealogical Research

*Wednesday, April 12, 2017*

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy – Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Overcoming dead-ends, also known as brick walls are occupational hazards with genealogists as they progress through the research process. This seminar will discuss the most effective proven strategies for overcoming these challenges.

## Wiki-Wiki-Whaty: Using Wikis for Genealogical Research

*Saturday, May 6, 2017*

Speaker: Carol Weidlich - President - Lee County Genealogical Society

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building, 1651 Lee Street, Meeting Rooms A & B

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# DEEP ROOTS OF WILLIAM WALLACE TREE LEGEND

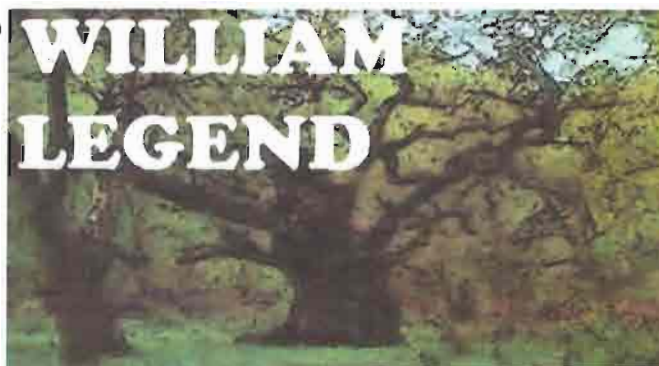
With thanks to *The Guardian*, the quarterly publication of the Clan Wallace Society

A local legend claiming that Scottish patriot William Wallace was chained to a tree in what is now Port Glasgow has led two friends to embark on a three-year quest to locate and preserve the tree.

Cha Halliday, 53, from Greenock, and Sean Donnelly, 48, from Inverkip, have been all over Scotland visiting sites linked to Wallace, the Scottish hero of the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

But a small reference in a book on Wallace led them to a little known site close to where they lived.

According to Scottish author David R. Ross, in his book *On the Trail of William Wallace*, the Scottish warrior was captured in August 1305 at what is now Robroyston, north of Glasgow, and taken overnight to Dumbarton Castle to await transfer to London to stand trial for treason.



*Published by BBC Scotland, 2 Feb 2017*

He recounts the local legend that Wallace was taken across the Clyde at West Ferry, and transported along the old Roman road to an area called Broadfield, which is now in Port Glasgow in Inverclyde.

It is said that he was chained to a tree until English troops arrived and he could be handed over and taken down south. The chains were said to have remained at the scene for many years and each time they rotted away they were replaced. They were said to be painted red each year by local children to symbolise the blood shed by Wallace in his fight for Scottish independence.

Historian Fiona Watson said there was very little reliable evidence on Wallace beyond his victory at Stirling Bridge, his defeat at Falkirk a year later and his death in 1305.

Wallace was hanged, drawn and quartered on 23 August 1305 after being found guilty of treason.

Dr. Watson said: "We know nothing about Wallace between him being chased by the English near Dundee in autumn 1304 and his capture in summer 1305."

She said there was no evidence to place Wallace in Port Glasgow but over the years people across the country had "filled in the gaps" in

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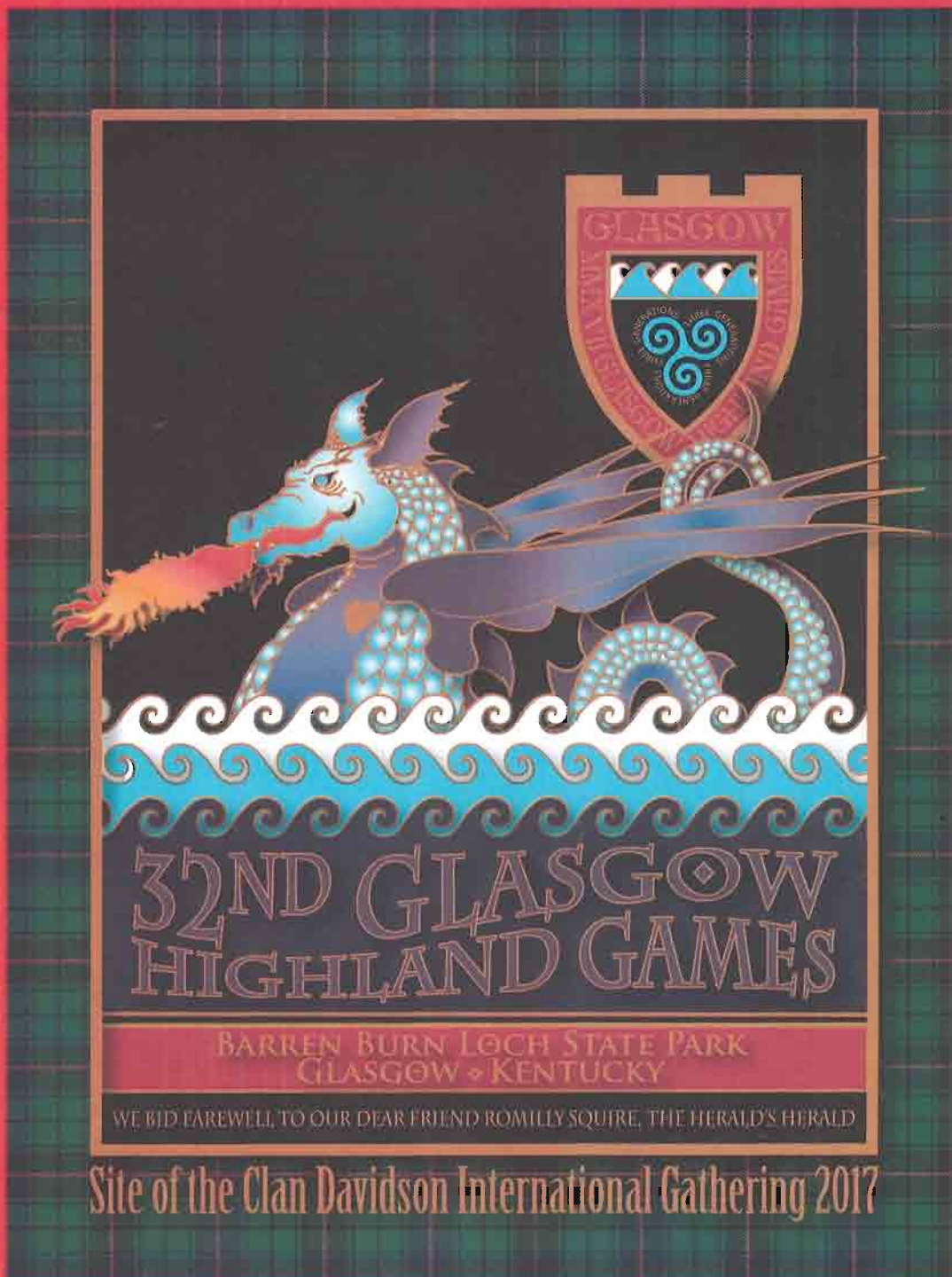
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# Flowers of the Forest



**Timothy "Tim" Wayne Berly**, 60, of Charlotte, passed away on March 11, 2017 at his residence.

Tim was born to the late John Cecil Berly Jr. and Lois Pait, on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was a long time member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Charlotte where he was very active and in charge of Christian education.

Tim also served as President of the NCSSAR - Mecklenburg Chapter, Treasurer of the Excelsior Masonic Lodge #261, and a member of the Charlotte Scottish Rite.

Tim graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and pledged Kappa Sigma.

After graduation, he then received a Masters degree in Business from Vanderbilt. Tim helped with the Prison Ministry organization, feeding the

homeless, and was compassionate and caring towards his feline friends.

In his spare time, he enjoyed cycling and reading. He was known as a kind and gentle soul to everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Jeff Fissel, Executive Director of Historic Rural Hill, near Huntersville, wrote: "It is with great sadness that we report that Tim Berly has passed away. Tim was a long time volunteer at Rural Hill, a former board member and an event director for the Loch Norman Highland Games.

His contributions will always be remembered and his impact is still being felt today."

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brother in law, John Whitley.

He is survived by his sister, Patti Whitley of Wilmington; nephew, Will Whitley and wife Jessie of Wilmington; nieces, Celia Whitley of Raleigh and Meredith Whitley of Wilmington; and great-nephew, Walker.

There was a Memorial service held at St. Marks Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tim's final resting place will be at Raleigh Memorial Park in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Tim's name to St. Marks Lutheran Church, or to a charitable organization of your choice.

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Wallace's tale with stories associating their area with the great Scottish hero.

She said: "There is little evidence to support many of the associations but it does not mean they are not strongly held."

The truth behind the Port Glasgow legend is hard to establish but it appears the stories of the Wallace Tree have deep roots in the Inverclyde area.

A 1962 *Greenock Telegraph* article carries an appeal to save the "gnarled oak", saying its loss would be a "tragedy".

It refers to notes from a Mr. Scrymgeour who describes a different legend. He tells of the flight of William Wallace from English soldiers, with a price on his head.

Mr. Scrymgeour begins with Wallace's escape from an inn at Elderslie on a horse belonging to one of the soldiers who had cordoned him off at the hostelry. Wallace, he says, then made off over the hill towards Greenock. He claims that when Wallace reached the big tree at Broadfield he climbed into its branches to hide himself and his two-handed broadsword from the pursuing soldiers.

Mr. Scrymgeour also tells how the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Glencairn sought to save the tree in 1768 when it was showing signs of decay.

The earl had the infected part bored and boiling pitch poured into the hole. According to Mr. Scrymgeour: "He also had the heaviest branches chained in such a fashion that each or all could be tightened at will by the aid of a triple screw."

This could provide an alternative explanation for the chains which have been associated with the tree. The tree had been located where the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church now stands when it was blown down in heavy storms in 1995. More than 18 years after the tree was felled, Mr. Halliday set about trying to find it.

After some detective work and the aid of *FaceBook*, the tree was tracked down to the former Gourock Ropeworks yard, where it had been taken for

safe-keeping.

"They guy who had it said he knew someone would come looking for it one day," says Mr. Halliday. In order to get a date for the age of the tree, Mr. Halliday called in dendrochronologist, Dr. Coralie Mills.

It was during her visit that a second piece of the tree was found hidden in the undergrowth.

It had a length of chain embedded in its growth, providing more evidence that it was the tree that had been referred to locally as the Wallace Oak. The age of the chain is unknown but clearly does not stretch anywhere near as far back as Wallace's time. It is likely have come from a local shipyard in the late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



Dr. Mills told *BBC Scotland* that the oak itself was very old and put a date of 1786 on the section of the tree that she sampled.

Allowing for the evidence that the section of the tree had probably been about 2m from the ground, she put the age of the tree at 1763, if it was a singlestemmed tree.

However, the newspaper article from 1962 held out the possibility that the tree could still be much older.

Dr. Mills said the date of her tree sample was very similar to the reputed date of the Earl's boring of the tree and the stimulation of roots growing down through what must have been a rotten or hollow lower stem.

She said: "In other words, the part of the tree we have aged is re-growth above the much older hollow base." Dr. Mills said she could not determine the age of a hollow stem and so could only estimate the age of a tree which was already old and hollow in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. "It could easily have been several hundred years old at that point," she said.

The oldest known scientifically aged living trees in Scotland are mid-15<sup>th</sup> Century.

"We cannot refute the Wallace tradition on the basis of the dendro results," Dr. Mills said. A conclusion which "delighted" Cha Halliday. He told *BBC Scotland*:

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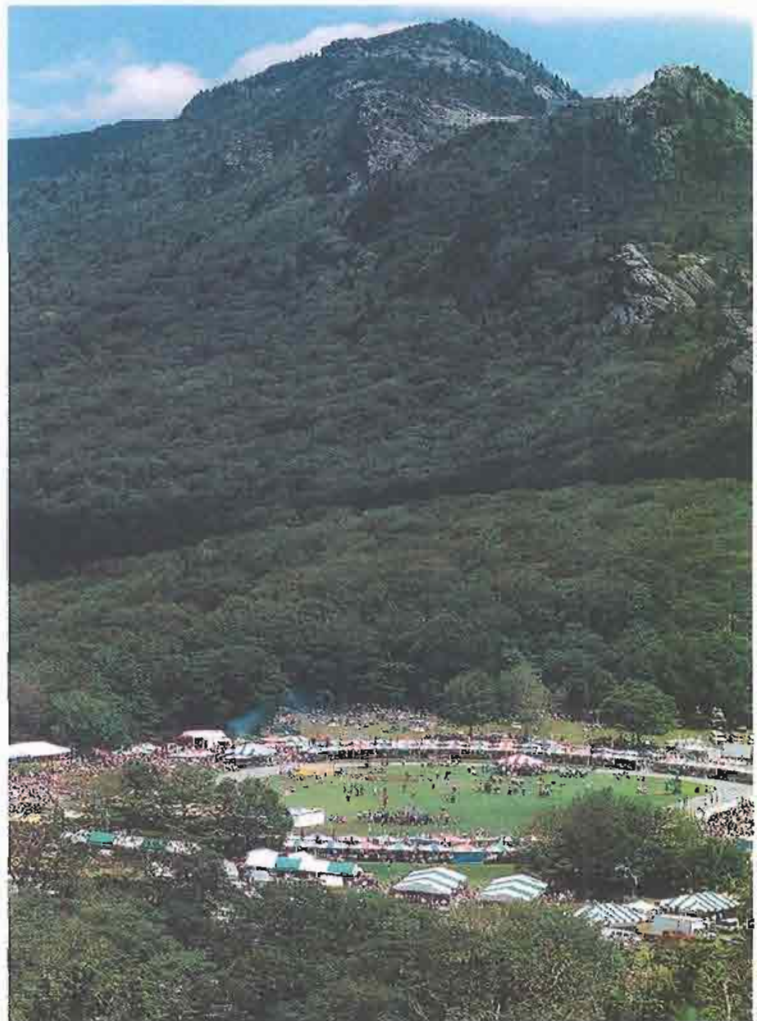
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# 2017 - 62<sup>nd</sup> Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

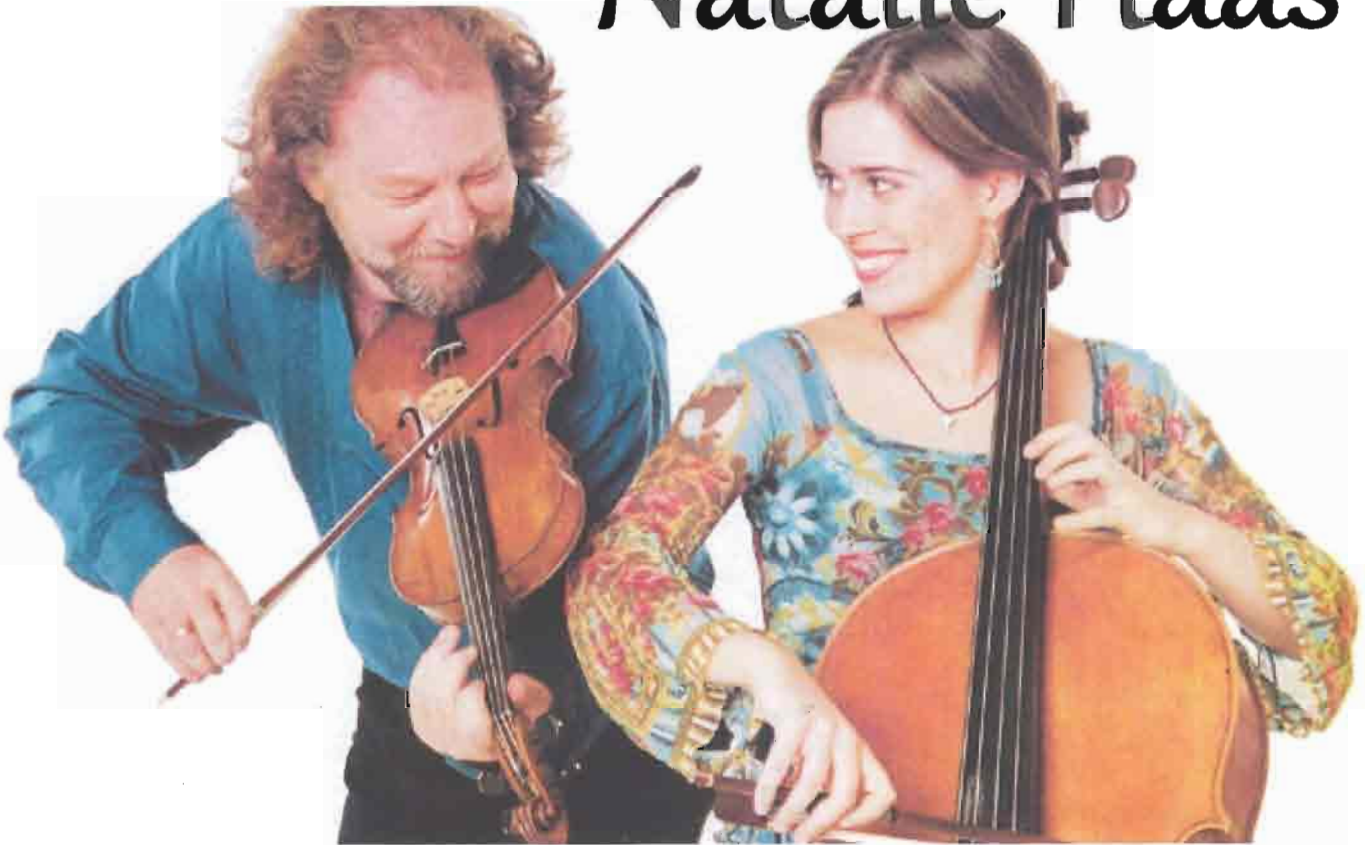
July 6-9,  
2017 at  
MacRae  
Meadows on  
Grandfather  
Mountain near  
Linville, NC





# Alasdair Fraser &

# Natalie Haas



**Fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas will perform Scottish and Celtic music at the 2017 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!**

We will update the list of entertainers each issue, but be assured, there will be the finest in Scottish and Celtic music for you at the 62nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!

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For more information, visit:

**<https://grandfather.com/events/grandfather-mountain-highland-games/>**

# Tentative Event Schedule for the 2017 GMHG Games

## Thursday, July 6th

*Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding*

4:30 PM Picnic

Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

*Scottish Entertainment*

Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

*Sheep Herding:* Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

*7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather*

This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

*More Sheep Herding*

*Torchlight Ceremony:*

Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

## Friday, July 7th

*9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens:* Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

*Scottish Cultural Village*

*Opening Ceremonies*

*Highland Wrestling Clinic for children*

*Children's Tent and Field Activities*

*Harp Workshop*

*Sheep Herding*

*History & Genealogy Studies at Clan*

*Tents*

*Highland Dancing Pre-Championship*

*Lochaber Trump Competition in the*

*Harp and Fiddling Tent*

4:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Rock Concert.



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents: 6:30 - 11 PM *Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.*

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents 8:00 PM - 12 AM *Scottish Country Dance Gala*, Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

## Saturday, July 8th

6:30 AM *Mountain Marathon* begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

7:30 AM *MacRae Meadows Opens Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins*

Competition begins for *Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.*

*Scottish Cultural Village*

*Children's Highland Wrestling Competition*

*Sheep Herding*

*Massed Bands on track*

*Opening Ceremonies*

*History & Genealogy Studies at Clan*

*Tents*

*Children's Tent Activities*

*Celtic Grove Music*

*Highland Wrestling*

*Harp Competitions*

*Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition*

*NC Provincial Gaelic Mod*

*Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam*

*Session*

4:00 Days events end. Preparation for Celtic Jam

6:30 - 10:30 PM Celtic Jam at MacRae Meadows.

\$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

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**Tentative GMHG Schedule, continued from last page**

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**Sunday, July 9th**

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens  
Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration  
and Clinic

Prelude Music for Worship Service  
Begins

Scottish Worship Service Outside main  
gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O'  
the Tartans.

Scottish Cultural Village  
Children's Border Collie Demonstration  
on the main field.

Celtic Grove

Entertainment Begins

**Parade of Tartans:** Guests of Honor &  
Distinguished Guests are introduced as all  
members of the sponsoring clans are invited

to march in the parade behind the massed  
pipe bands.

Scottish Fiddling Competition  
Atlantic International Highland Dance  
Championship Competition

Competition takes place throughout the  
day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herd-  
ing, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish  
country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-  
of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment contin-  
ues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan  
Tents

Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

Hope to see you again in 2018



Please visit the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games website  
for complete information on various sponsor tickets and detailed  
information on the events, entertainments, competitions and more.

*The Friends of the Scottish Tartans Museum invite you to*

# A Taste of Scotland Festival

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**June 15-18, 2017**



*Clan Grant, the Honored Clan for 2016*

- \* Clan Dinner
- \* Ceilidh (Scottish Party)
- \* Heavy Athletics
- \* Braveheart 5-K Run
- \* Clan Parade
- \* Vendors galore
- \* Scottish Seminars
- \* Kirkin' o' the Tartan

For complete information on all events, contact

# 828-524-8008

*While you are in town, visit the Scottish Tartans Museum*



## Wallace's oak trees, *continued from page 13*

"I liked the story because it was a legend and I was worried Dr. Mills might be able to prove the tree was about 100 years old or something. "But it was a chance we had to take."

"If she could get it anywhere near Wallace's time then it would keep the story going. "Obviously a lot of people before me have believed in it and if we can keep it going and get something to mark it then I think it is amazing."

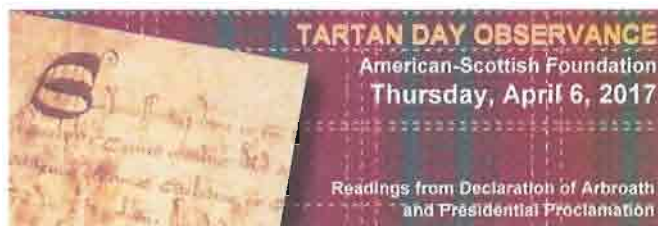
Scotland has a rich heritage of notable trees with famous associations.

In 1830, artist and naturalist Jacob George Strutt, in his book *Sylva Brittanica*, published a special section called *Sylva Scotica* in which he listed 10 famous Scottish trees. Most of these trees have not survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including two trees associated with William Wallace, *The Wallace Oak* at Elderslie, in which tradition provided Wallace and 300 of his followers shelter as they were pursued by the English army and *The Torwood Oak*, near Stirling, beneath which he was said to have made camp.

The latter tree was already dead by Strutt's time, the pieces being carried off as souvenirs.

A similar fate befell the *Wallace Oak* at Elderslie after it was brought down by a great storm in 1856.

Strutt also mentioned the *Bishopton Sycamore* in Renfrewshire where Wallace was 'delivered up to his enemies by the treachery of a pretended friend'.



## The American-Scottish Foundation invites YOU!

Join the American-Scottish Foundation on the Fountain Terrace, Bryant Park as the society presents their Tartan Day Observance. The event is at 12.30pm No Charge - Open to all, Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Events at the Tartan Day Observance include: The St Columba School Pipe Band from Scotland; The Highland Divas; Readings from *Senate Resolution & Presidential Decrees* by Kenneth Donnelly; Excerpts from the *Declaration of Arbroath* read by a renowned actor and the 2017 New York Tartan Day Parade with Grand Marshal, Tommy Flanagan.

Members of the American-Scottish Foundation are often asked - What is Tartan Day, What is its origins, and Why is the Tartan Day Parade in April?

In 1998, National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6<sup>th</sup> as National Tartan Day.

If you would like to learn more of the History of Tartan Day and the New York Tartan Day Parade visit: <<http://americanscottishfoundation.com/home/index.html>>



**Hooray! Beth has been invited back to do speeches at the Stone Mountain Games, Friday, 20 October! FREE. Bigger room this year. Watch here for details.**

All events at the games which are not at Stone Mountain itself, are at the host hotel, Hilton Atlanta, NE (770-447-4747) Games & events October 20-22 October.

# The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



" O'n D'thainig thu."

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The Clan Macneil President: Robert "Bob" Neill,  
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# Facial Reconstruction of Medieval Man Sheds Light on England's "Ordinary Poor"

With thanks to *Smithsonian Magazine*.

More: <<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/facial-reconstruction-medieval-man-sheds-light-englands-ordinary-poor-180962634/>>

"Context 958" lived a harsh life and died destitute.

The man known as Context 958 spent his last days in the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist, a home for the destitute in medieval England. He died sometime in the 1200s and was given an unremarkable burial in the expansive graveyard behind the hospital. For centuries, he was forgotten, a mere speck on the annals of history. But a team of researchers recently released a detailed facial reconstruction of Context 958, offering remarkable insight into the life of an ordinary medieval man.

As Gizmodo's George Dvorsky reports, the man's remains were among 400 complete burials unearthed between 2010 and 2012, after archaeologists discovered the medieval graveyard underneath the Old Divinity School of St John's College at Cambridge. Context 958, as he was dubbed by researchers, was interred face-down—"a small irregularity for medieval burial," John Robb, a professor of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, says in a press release.

Using facial reconstruction technology, researchers were able to piece together a picture of what Context 958 may have looked like. Their reconstruction suggests that he had close-set eyes, thin lips, and a square jaw. Painstaking analysis of his bones and teeth revealed additional details about Context 958, who seems to have led a rather harsh existence.

The man was over 40 when he died, and his skeleton is robust "with a lot of wear and tear from a hard working life," says Robb. Researchers can't be sure what Context 958 did for a living, but it is likely that he specialized in a trade of some kind. His job may have given him access to fish and meat, since his diet was rich in animal protein. Archaeologists also found evidence of a blunt-force trauma to the back of Context 958's skull, which had healed over by the time of his death.

Context 958 seems to have endured adversity in childhood, too. His tooth enamel had stopped growing on two occasions during his youth, suggesting "that he had suffered bouts of sickness or famine early on," according to Robb.

The location of Context 958's grave suggests that he spent his last days ill, impoverished and alone. The Hospital of St. John the Evangelist was built in 1195 as a space for poor and sick individuals with no one else



to care for them. Context 958 seems to have hit a rough patch before his death, the press releases states, possibly after an illness rendered him unable to work.

The analysis of Context 958's remains is the first output of a collaboration between Cambridge University's Division of Archaeology and the University of Dundee's Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification. Relying on the trove of remains found at the hospital graveyard, experts will continue to piece together the life stories of Cambridge's urban poor. Their project is titled *After the plague: health and history in medieval Cambridge*.

The goal of the initiative is to humanize a demographic that is rarely represented in historical texts. "Most historical records are about well-off people and especially their financial and legal transactions," Robb explains in the press release. "The less money and property you had, the less likely anybody was to ever write down anything about you. So skeletons like this are really our chance to learn about how the ordinary poor lived."



An Círcleán Ceann Cinnidh

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# Clan Plant Badges of long, long ago

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*Sorry, sorry, sorry. I truly goofed.*

Scott - Blaeberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*)



Sinclair - White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Furze (*Ulex europaeus*)



Stewart - Thistle (*Cirsium*, *Carduus*, *Sonchus*), Oak (*Quercus* species)



Sutherland - Cotton grass (*Eriophorum* species)



## Sutherland AGM set for Quechee, VT

The 2017 Clan Sutherland Society of North America's Annual General Meeting will be held in Quechee Vermont on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Quechee Polo Grounds

Recognizing that this is a one day event, the committee has a long list of other opportunities in the Quechee area.

Travel to the Quechee area may require some flying and or bus travel from Logan Airport in Boston or the Manchester New Hampshire airport. Another possibility is the Lebanon, New Hampshire airport which is quite close to Quechee but would most likely require flying there from a larger airport.

Thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, newsletter of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America. For complete information on the AGM and/or membership information, please visit <[www.clansutherland.org](http://www.clansutherland.org)>.



**Guest Editorial,**  
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ated equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

No, Jefferson didn't lift out entire sentences or phrases, but the basic concept – freedom from English rule – is identical.

So, the next time you sing the *National Anthem* at a ballgame or watch fireworks explode on a warm Fourth of July night, say a prayer of thanksgiving not only for the Founders, but for the 14<sup>th</sup> century Scots as well.

# Clan Bell International



This old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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# Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada welcomes Lord Bruce, DL, MA, MSc, FSA Scot as their new Patron

Greetings CASSOC Friends,

Clans And Scottish Societies Of Canada honours the tradition of having distinguished Patrons.

In the past, our Patrons have included His Grace, the Duke of Argyll; John MacLeod of MacLeod; The Hon. Flora MacDonald, Member of Parliament of Canada; and Her Grace, Catherine Elizabeth MacDonnell Young Graham, the Duchess of Montrose (who was a Canadian). Currently our Patron is Major The Honourable Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart – BT CVO DL.

We are pleased to announce that we have another Patron, Lord Bruce DL MA MSc FSA Scot. Lord Bruce has kindly accepted our invitation to be a Patron and I have attached his further information.

I know you will join me in welcoming Lord Bruce to our CASSOC family.

Regards,

Jo Ann M Tuskin UE

CASSOC Secretary



**We Welcome our new Patron, Lord Bruce**



Charles Bruce (Lord Bruce) is married to Dr Alice Enders and has five children. He was educated at Eton College; University of St Andrews (MA Hons); University of Dundee (MSc). (Dr Enders' father, Tom Enders, was US ambassador in Ottawa from 1976-79. Alice attended Ottawa and Queen's Universities.)

A Page of Honour to HM the Queen Mother, 1975–77; Deputy Chairman Association for Protection of Rural Scotland, 1998–2001; Director, Scottish Lime Centre Trust, 1994–; Director, Environmental Trust for Scotland, 1996–2012. Member International Advisory Council, International Academic Forum, 2010–; Trustee, Historic Scotland Foundation, 2001–2016; Chairman Patrons, National Galleries of Scotland, 2006–11; Patron, Scottish Centre of Tagore Studies, Edinburgh Napier University, 2011–; Chairman, Kolkata Scottish Heritage Trust, 2008–; Director, Canadian Friends of Scotland Foundation, 2006–; Honorary President, St Andrew Society 2007–12; Hon. Patron, Japan Society of Scotland, 2008–; President, The Democracy Forum 2016–; Hon. Keeper, Keepers of the Quaich, 2009; President, Dunfermline United Burns Club, 2011 (Chairman, 2005–10); Member, Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers, 2003; Deputy Lieutenant, Fife, 1997; Hon. Major, 31 Combat Engineer Regt (The Elgins), Canadian Forces, 2007; FSAScot; Paolozzi Gold Medal, National Galleries of Scotland, 2012.

He is eldest son and heir to Andrew Bruce, 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin & 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Kincardine KT, 37<sup>th</sup> Chief of the

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# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



Contact Lloyd Gibson, CBSI President, at [<azbuchanan12@fmail.com>](mailto:azbuchanan12@fmail.com)



## Carolinas Open Highland Dancing Championships set

Loch Norman Highland Games is honored to host the Carolinas Open Highland Dancing Championships, one of six sanctioned championships held in the United States on their weekend, April 8 & 9, 2017.

Dancers compete in several styles of dance including both Highland Dance and Scottish National Dances. One of those is the Sword Dance. This dance was traditionally performed on the eve of battle by warriors using the sword and scabbard in the form of a cross to mark the dancing spot. Tradition held that if the warrior danced without touching the sword with his feet, he would be successful in battle.



### Lord Bruce, continued from page 25

Name of Bruce.

His father, The Earl of Elgin, is Colonel of the Regiment, 31 Combat Engineer Regiment (The Elgins; in Waterloo and St. Thomas, ON) and he has been deputising for him for 10 years as Hon Major. Lord Bruce's father and grandfather have served continuously as Hon Colonel of the same Canadian regiment for an unbroken period of 80 years. (The Elgins existed before the Confederation of Canada, tracing their origin to 1866 when the Militia Act officially created the 25<sup>th</sup>, Elgin, Battalion of Infantry from five local militia companies.)

His great-grandfather, Victor Bruce, 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin, was born in Montreal in 1849. The only child born in Canada for whom Queen Victoria agreed to be godmother.

His great-great-grandfather, James Bruce 8<sup>th</sup> Earl of Elgin, was Governor General of Canada from 1848-54. He married (secondly) Mary Louisa Lambton, (daughter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Durham). He was the first

Governor General to read the speech from the throne in both official languages, and the only Governor General to be threatened by mob violence. (He was the only Governor General, who was ejected from both the St Andrews Society of Montreal and the Thistle Curling Club). His principal task was to enact the *Durham Report*.

He introduced responsible government in 1849 with the passage of the Rebellion Losses Bill but suffered the destruction of the parliament building in Montreal. He calmed the Annexation Movement and prevented the colonial government from abandoning British North America.

In 1854 he negotiated the most advantageous free trade agreement in the history of Canada's bilateral relations with the US. He introduced the Canadian postal system and was the first to use the maple leaf as an official emblem. His last act was to select Bytown (Ottawa) for the site of the dominion capital. Lord Bruce's great-great-great-grandfather was Jack Lambton, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Durham, author of the *Durham Report*.



## Space Site Seeing!

*25 minutes long, but fascinating!*

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# COCKSPUR HERALDIC SERVICES & GRAPHIC DESIGN

Tom Freeman is a heraldic artist & graphic designer living in Northeast Georgia. He has been working in the Scottish community both in the US and internationally since 1999. He can be reached using the information shown below.

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## Clan MacLellan Flowers of the Forest

**Steven Alby Brazeau**, August 6, 1952 - February 28, 2017. The manuscript of Steven Brazeau's life on earth has now gone safe to the Printer. He passed from our eyes on February 28, 2017 in a local ICU. And the rest of his story will never end.

But this first manuscript is a dynamic one. Sheldon Vanauken, a friend of CS Lewis described such a life this way: "If there were a choice... between, on the one hand, the heights and the depths and, on the other hand, some sort of safe, cautious middle way, he, for one, here and now chose the heights and the depths." Steve's life was action-packed and full of meaning.

Steve was born August 6, 1952 to Lila Freiboth Brazeau and Ruben Alby Brazeau. He resided in Kingston, Washington until he attended the University of Washington. He received his BS in Biology and then his DDS degree in dentistry from the University of Washington.

While a student, he worked as an oiler in the engine rooms of Washington State Ferries. He married Janice Otten Brazeau in 1973.

They met on the road in 1970. He was in a fast and eye-catching muscle car; he raced by to pass her and they noticed one another. She flashed her bright lights and he pulled over. One could say it was a citizen's arrest.

Steve practiced dentistry in Carnation, Washington from 1978 to 1989, the Dominican Republic as a Christian missionary/church planter from 1990 to 1993, and in Yakima, Washington, 1993 to 2017. He was not yet retired when he passed away.

After they returned to the states, Steve worked for the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic until 1996. He purchased a dental practice from Dr. Raymond Haight,

and later the practice of Dr. Harold Clark.

In Carnation, he and his wife started a new church in their living room. It became Carnation Bible Church with their neighbors, Don and Bev Unruh, NWCBA church planter Jerry Back and evangelist Elmer Magnussen.

In the Dominican Republic they started an outreach ministry, using dentistry to share the love of Jesus Christ. A new church was born in the community of Los Girasoles, on the north side of Santo Domingo.

Steve served as an elder at Memorial Bible Church (MBC), Yakima for many years. Steve volunteered at the Union Gospel Mission Dental Clinic. Steve and Jan accompanied two MBC mission trips to Mexico. In 2000 and 2001 they worked with Haiti Medical Team's outreach to the Dominican Republic.

MBC then asked them if they would lead a medical-dental team to the Dominican Republic, and they agreed. Every year since 2002, they have led teams to the DR, with the primary purpose of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jesus Cordova, Allen and Elaine Miller, Ken Howie, Kaye Zook, Dee Powell, Goldie Hoffman, daughter Sara, son Steve and his wife, Laura, Cheri Alexander and many others were integral to this ministry.

In the Dominican Republic our partner ministers are Roberto and wife Idania Polanco, and Dr. Bienvenido Yeme. They embraced Steve as a brother and father, and he responded in kind.

Concerning their call to missions, wife Janice felt called to mission as a child. Steve was a busy young dentist with no similar interest. One day he saw a news-

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**Steven Alby Brazeau**, *continued from page 29*  
paper article about an organization called Healing the Children. They were seeking foster parents to house and care for children from underserved countries needing heart surgery.

Steve and Janice signed up as foster parents. In 1988 their first child was a 9 year- old girl named Zoraida, born with only half a heart, from the Dominican Republic. When she limped off the plane they could see she was close to death from cardiac insufficiency.

A Seattle heart surgeon, Edward Rittenhouse performed a heroic surgery and many other life-saving procedures. She was near death three times. Thanks to God and Dr. Rittenhouse, she survived those events and still lives today.

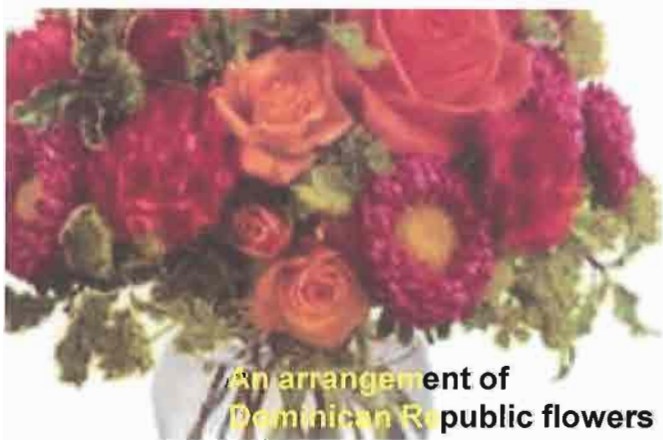
Through the experience, God touched Steve's heart and called him to missionary service.

Steve is survived by his mother, Lila, his older brother, his wife, Janice Brazeau, daughters Melissa Green (Jameson) with granddaughters Hailey and Evelyn Green, Sara Lorig (Douglas) with granddaughters Mikaela Wrenn Andrada (Zachary) and Tess Lorig, and son, Steve Brazeau, Jr, (Laura Eastman) and grandsons, Arden Brazeau and Nathan Brazeau. He was predeceased by his father, Ruben in 1986.

Steve enjoyed his small orchard and vineyard, salmon fishing in Puget Sound, smelt fishing at Kalaloch Beach, ATV trips, hunting, camping, traveling to Scotland and the Clan MacLellan, Seattle ball clubs, Disney parks and anything associated with his grandchildren.

He loved us, family and friends, extremely well—sacrificially, faithfully and unconditionally.

Steve was remembered on March 25 at Memorial Bible Church in Glead. Tax-free memorial gifts may be offered to Memorial Bible Church's Forward Fund, or MBC Medical-Dental Outreach Teams.



An arrangement of Dominican Republic flowers



*Wishing you and yours  
a very blessed and  
happy Easter!*

*Stonewall (our gargoyle),  
Beth, Tom and Alastair*



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# Clan Wallace Flower of the Forest



It was a sad day on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017, when **Mrs. Anne Marie Wallace** passed away at the age of 85.

She was married to Joe Perry Wallace, co-founder of Clan Wallace Society. She was one of the original signers of Society's Articles of Incorporation, and received the Society Lifetime Achievement Award for her services to the Society.

It was a delightful surprise when Anne Marie attended the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gathering in Salado, TX in November 2016.

She had many pictures taken with the Chief of the Clan and Family of Wallace, Andrew R. Wallace of that ilk. Her daughter JoAnne, is a Past President and Legal Commissioner of Clan Wallace Society.

Anne Marie received a Bachelor of Science on May 25, 1953, and later in life went back to school to receive her Master of Art Education at East Texas State University on August 13, 1976.

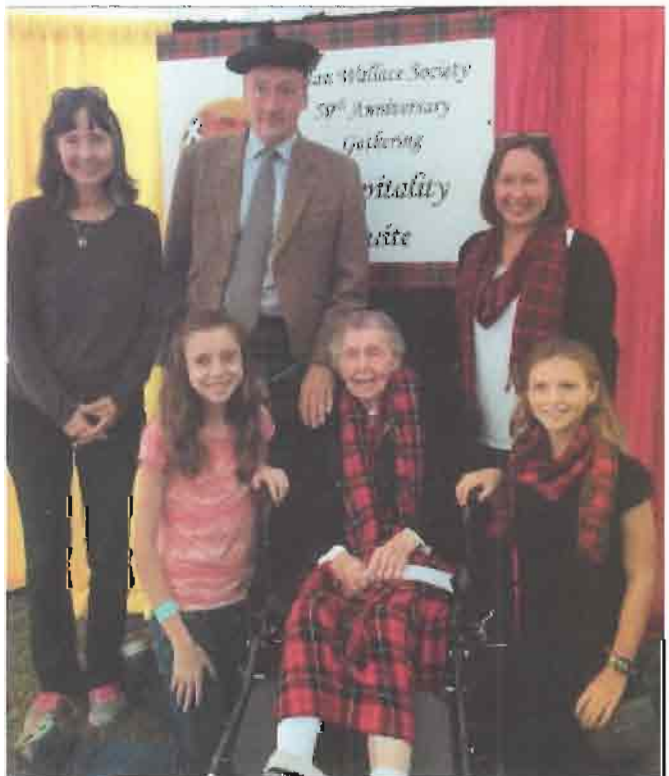
During her career as a school teacher, she taught in five different school districts; Waco ISD, Fredericksburg ISD, Howe ISD, West ISD and Killeen ISD, where she received many awards for her excellence in teaching.

After retiring from teaching, she was a co-owner of the Kwik Kopy Shop in Temple, TX.

Anne Marie is survived by two daughters and one son: JoAnne Wallace McIntosh and husband Jim of Austin, TX; Jean Marie Kendall and husband Jon of Salado; Stephen Duke Wallace and wife Barbara of Pleasanton, CA; and eight grandchildren.

She spent her life volunteering and serving others, including being an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Sherman, TX, and serving on the board of the Central Texas Area Museum.

Anne Marie was a very well-liked lady and will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and her Clan Wallace Society family.



*Anne Marie between granddaughters Kimberly Kendal and Megan McIntosh, daughter Jean Kendal, Chief Andrew Wallace, and daughter JoAnne McIntosh.*



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We are looking for two new committed and enthusiastic Board members, ideally with significant experience of any of the following:

- Building/construction development expertise
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- Publishing management expertise
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Board members are Trustees of the Society and the Board is called Council. Council Trustees are required to be Society Fellows (members) as stipulated in Law 9 of the Society. Trustees are crucial to the implementation of the Society's charitable purposes, ensuring the strategic direction, effectiveness, supervision, and accountability of the organisation. General information on Trustee duties in Scotland is available from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator here: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/charities/managing-your-charity/trustee-duties>

The Council Trustees would like to co-opt two Fellows to the Council to help it deliver on the Society's Strategic Plan 2016-2021 (available here: <http://www.socantscot.org/resource/society-strategic-plan-2016-21/>).

Applications should be made using a formal Society application form available from the website in the Fellows' area, or from the Director by email. To discuss this opportunity in confidence please contact the Society Director at [director@socantscot.org](mailto:director@socantscot.org) or telephone +44(0)131 247 4115.

Applications will be considered by the President's Committee of the Society who will expect to interview prospective candidates prior to appointment. The President's Committee includes the President and two Vice Presidents and is supported by the Director.

Yours faithfully,

Simon

**Dr Simon Gilmour**

Director

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### **Portmahomack on Tarbat Ness – *barometer of European politics* – Edinburgh April 10, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Discoveries at Portmahomack in Easter Ross (1994 to 2008) were initially hailed as the first modern sighting of a Pictish monastery. The intensive period of post-excavation analysis that followed has defined six successive settlements on the same spot: a high status cemetery-settlement with contacts in Cumbria and Sussex (6/7th century), a purpose-built monastery with vellum and metal workshops and pieces from a dozen carved stone monuments (8th century), a trading farm

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***Please book early as space on the Scottish Islands is limited and fills up quickly.***

**Day 1: Sunday, July 30 International Flight**

Fly into Edinburgh International Airport on overnight flight of your choice.

**Day 2: Monday July 31, Arrive Edinburgh**

Welcome brunch at the Royal Overseas Club on Princes Street, with a stunning view of the Castle, for those who arrive before noon.

**Day 3: Tuesday, August 1: Edinburgh to Skye**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will waste no time in driving up into the Highlands on our way to the Isle of Skye. Our route will take us through the Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe, the infamous site of the massacre of the MacDonalds by the Campbells. We'll have lunch at the Glen Coe Visitor's Centre.



We'll continue our journey to the Isle of Skye, stopping for a photo op at Eilean Donan Castle. Once on the island, we'll drive up to the charming harbour town of Portree and check in to our hotel.

Dinner at local restaurant to enjoy the fresh seafood. Overnight: Portree, tbd.

**Day 4: Wednesday, August 2: Skye to Lewis & Harris** After breakfast at hotel we will take a morning drive around the top of Skye, visiting The Museum of Island Life and the Kilmuir Cemetery, burial place of Flora MacDonald, who saved Bonnie Prince Charlie, and the famous modern couturier designer, Alexander McQueen. Lunch will be on own at little café in Uig.

Then we will catch the Ferry to Tarbet on the Isle of Harris.

Upon arrival, we will visit a Harris Tweed Shop. Some of the South Harris coastline will remind you of Norway, with its sea lochs and fjord fingers. Dinner and overnight: tbd.

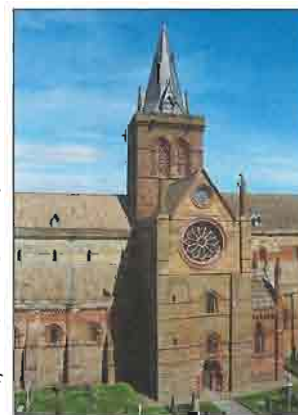
**Day 5: Thursday, August 3, Tarbet to Stornaway** After breakfast, we'll head north for the Isle of Lewis' main attraction, the Neolithic standing stones of Callanish. Lunch will be at the little Café in the Callanish Visitor's Centre. It was also on Lewis that the famous 12th Century Lewis Chessmen, many made of walrus ivory, were dug up in 1831. Over half of the collection now resides at the British Museum and the remainder at the National Museum of Scotland, in Edinburgh. Dinner and overnight tbd.

**Day 6: Friday, August 4: Stornaway to Thurso** After breakfast we will spend the morning touring the area, seeing the Lewis Blackhouse, a traditional Hebridean dwelling; The Clach an Trushal, the largest single monolith in northern Scotland; then there is St. Moluag's Church, a Scottish Episcopal Church, whose chapel is from the 12th century. We'll take the ferry to Ullapool and drive to Thurso at the tip of mainland Scotland.

**Day 7: Saturday, August 5: Thurso to Stromness for five days in Orkney** After an early breakfast we will board the ferry for Orkney. At Stromness, we'll visit the museum, have lunch and take a little time to explore before driving on to Kirkwall, our destination for the next four days. Dinner & overnight at the Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, our home until we depart Orkney on August 10.

*"The Orkney Imagination is haunted by time"*  
*George Mackay Brown, Orkney Bard*

**Day 8: Sunday, August 6: Kirkwall** After breakfast at the hotel, we'll visit the ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. Then those who wish may attend a church service at St. Magnus Cathedral or simply tour this magnificent 12th c. church. In the afternoon we'll go to St. Margaret's Hope, a charming village on South Ronaldsay, near the Churchill Barriers and the Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war during WWII.



*In 1999, the Neolithic monuments on Orkney were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*



# The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo unveils clan attendance for 2017 show

2017 is Scotland's 'Year of Heritage, History and Archaeology', and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will be taking a vibrant and exciting journey through the theme 'Splash of Tartan', playing host to a stunning array of performers from all points of the compass

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will be celebrating the heritage, colour and diversity of Scotland's global family both near and far to ignite a renewed interest in Scotland's national fabric while encouraging people in communities across the world to explore their potential links with Scotland.

As part of the programme the Tattoo and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs have also joined together to involve Scottish Clans and Families. Clan Chiefs have been invited to lead their clansmen to Edinburgh Castle, on their own special designated evenings, and to take part in the opening ceremony of the Tattoo which runs between 4-26 August 2017.

In addition, everyone who attends the Tattoo - whether they have a clan connection or not - is invited to dress for the part; a rich mixture of tartan clothes, headgear and accoutrements of all forms. It is hoped Edinburgh will be awash with tartan through August.

For general sale enquiries or for those clan members happy to sit in any section of the audience, contact the Tattoo directly. This can be done at Tattoo Ticket Sales Office at 1 Cockburn Street in Edinburgh, by calling +44(0)131 225 1188 or via the official website on

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(9th century), a parish church (12th century), a fishing village (13th century) and a township of iron workers (15th century). The publication of the results in 2016 advanced the idea that this sequence reflects contemporary political or ideological movements in wider Britain, Ireland and Europe.

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[www.edintattoo.co.uk](http://www.edintattoo.co.uk).

To find more about specific clan night dates, visit: [www.edintattoo.co.uk/tickets](http://www.edintattoo.co.uk/tickets).



## *Clan Dates for The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2017*

- Thursday 03-Aug** 9:30 pm (Preview) Macnab Hay  
**Friday 04-Aug** 9pm Arthur Murray  
**Saturday 05-Aug** 7.30 pm Gunn Fraser  
**Saturday 05-Aug** 10.30 pm Macdonald Hunter  
 MacKay  
**Monday 07 - Aug** 9 pm MacMillan Macaulay  
**Tuesday 08-Aug** 9pm Macpherson Ewing  
**Wednesday 09-Aug** 9pm Wood Broun Maclean  
**Thursday 10-Aug** 9pm Henderson Napier  
**Friday 11-Aug** 9pm Moffat Leslie Urquhart  
**Saturday 12-Aug** 7.30 pm Oliphant Donnachaidh  
 (Robertson)  
**Saturday 12-Aug** 10.30 pm Macneil Marjoribanks  
 MacRae  
**Monday 14-Aug** 9pm Forbes Wallace  
**Tuesday 15-Aug** 9pm Mackenzie Macleod  
**Wednesday 16-Aug** 9pm Sinclair Campbell  
**Thursday 17-Aug** 9pm Borthwick Skene  
**Friday 18-Aug** 9pm Graham Stewart  
**Saturday 19-Aug** 7.30 pm Colquhoun Matheson  
**Saturday 19-Aug** 10.30 pm MacLea (Livingstone)  
 Currie  
**Monday 21-Aug** 9pm MacGregor Hannay  
 Buchanan  
**Tuesday 22-Aug** 9pm Kincaid Maclaine  
**Wednesday 23-Aug** 9pm Elliott Agnew  
**Thursday 24-Aug** 9pm Carmichael MacThomas  
**Friday 25-Aug** 9pm Bruce Durie  
**Saturday 26-Aug** 7.30 pm MacIntyre Jardine  
 MacLennan  
**Saturday 26-Aug** 10.30 pm Cameron Clan Ranald  
 Maclaren

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# 17th Bethabara Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival

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Hear Scottish Pipe bands playing throughout the day. The music continues as *The Fiddle and Bow Society* hosts a variety of Celtic entertainment on the Main Stage.



The Scottish music workshop

Enjoy the 6th Bethabara Scottish Fiddle Competition and a free Scottish music workshop for stringed instruments hosted by *The Triad Scottish Fiddlers and Friends*. The Scottish fiddle competition is sanctioned by Scottish F.I.R.E.

The Games are a great day trip to another place and time. See heritage crafters. Find your connection to a Scottish Clan family, throw

a battle-axe, and learn about cultural folk arts such as Scottish Country, Highland and Irish dancing.

For the wee'ans there are Colonial games and children's Scottish athletic competitions in the morning and afternoon. There are amazing Border collie demonstrations. Kites will again be available for the children at NO charge.

Enjoy shopping the Celtic Vendors and trying Scottish or festival food. Picnic area available.



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