

## FIRST ROUND OF SHUSA GRANTS AWARDED Scottish Heritage USA announces 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 grants

*ScotDance USA* was awarded \$10,000 to assist with the Federation of US Teachers and Adjudicators (FUSTA) 2021 dance championships. Founded in 1980, *ScotDance USA* is the governing body of Highland Dance in the US and is the official US-affiliated organization of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (the worldwide governing body of Highland Dance).

Since its inception, *ScotDance*'s mission has been to promote Scottish Highland Dancing and culture in the US.

*ScotDance* offers ongoing education for teachers, judges and dancers and is the registration body for competing dancers and dance competitions.

*ScotDance* sponsors the United States Inter-Regional Championships, which crowns the US Highland Dance Champions in each age group from all of the 6 regions.

This grant was given in memory of Pat Johnston who was a tireless worker, teacher and organizer with *ScotDance*.

**The Cultural Village at Grandfather Mountain Games received**



**\$1,500 to help bring special** Scottish programs to the Grandfather Mountain Games.

Some of the programs offered in the past were: How to Wear the Kilt, Scotch Whisky 101, Highland warrior weapons, The Viking Colonization of Scotland,

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## A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR...

A guest columnist this time,  
Bill Smith, Nashville, Tennessee

### On, Say, Now I See!

My engagement with clan has been as one who sits in the back row with only casual interest and with no compunction to engage or invest. But last night I saw something that plucked a long-lost chord deep within and I now better appreciate the appeal of belonging, the appeal of clanship.

There is a feeling long lost, a good feeling that warms the heart, that heals wounds, that bonds people in love and that inspires them to great things. Some of us felt it decades ago at school or church or among a big family reunion. But these days we are told it is bad to retreat to places of familial or cultural commonality. We must give that up for the benefit of all in today's diverse society. Big city schools even teach that "family" is an outdated concept.

I endeavor to love all people. I've spent my career on behalf of refugees, hungry people and exploited children—many races, tribes and tongues. Mostly with imperfection and sometimes in failure, but it has been my pursuit. And I've found it difficult to reconcile that pursuit and perspective with clanship? Yet it struck me last night while watching television that there can be more. That perhaps we were designed for more. In the first episode of *Men in Kilts*, starring Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish, these stars of the TV show *Outlander* travel around Scotland to sample various traditional sports.

The great aha moment for me was at the start of the rugby match when strong young men stood proud on the field, heads held high with perhaps a hint of moisture in the eye as together they sang *Flower of Scotland*. I haven't seen men in such posture at a sporting event (or any event) since the 50s. Today, such occasions in America are attended

with protest or at best indifference

to *The Star Spangled Banner*, to the flag and to nationhood. The reason to reverence a moment like this is lost on this generation. Our commonness is vilified, not cherished. Even the word "clan" has become a pejorative.

This brief look at men on a rugby field uncovered a need inside me to belong to something worthy that is better and bigger than myself. I have that opportunity of sorts in church. But, though my trust in God is unshakable, the way my church is scattered among dissimilar people across a metropolitan area (not your old-time neighborhood parish), the desire for earthly kinship is not well fulfilled. We have family but, there too, diversity and geographic separation dilutes the sense of kinship.

I begin now to understand what is lost in me and in this generation. It is places of community, acceptance, common values and purpose. Places worth investment and celebration.

I now better understand the worth of clan, although I'm sure others could add more understanding from their experience. As another generation uncovers that forgotten empty place and seeks to fill it, may all the love, concern and grace devoted to diversity and serving those unlike us rule also in these places where we find a sense of community. I now believe we can have a foot squarely planted in both camps and not find a disconnect.

In fact, I believe we were made for it. That place of belonging fuels and inspires a desire to bless others even as we cherish our unique place of community.

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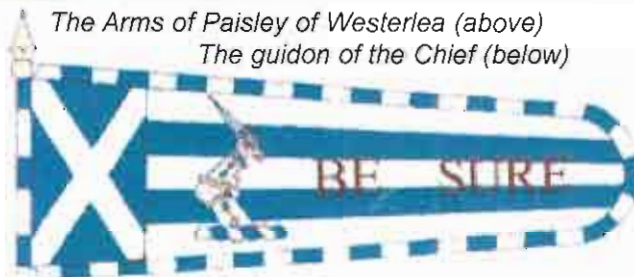


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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)  
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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# Tartan Day

## PROJECT 1320

**North American Scottish Cultural Leaders Join Forces in Hosting Virtual Tartan Day Project 1320 established to be global Scottish arts celebration.**

The producers of Tartan Day on Ellis Island and Tartan Day Ottawa have joined forces to launch a new global Tartan Day initiative.

Dismayed over the cancellation of so many Tartan Day activities, Robert Currie, Commander of the Name and Arms of Currie and Bethany Bisaillon, Pipe Major for the *Sons of Scotland Pipe Band* have created a virtual concert hall on *Facebook* to showcase Scots talent across the Diaspora.

Commenting on the initiative, Currie remarked, "We wanted to create a platform where performers from beginners to professionals could post their work for all to enjoy. Both Bethany and I have been producing Tartan Day events for over 15 years and



*Robert "Bob" Currie*

we were both heartsick that the global pandemic has caused the cancellation of our events and also Highland games and gatherings. We devised this platform to permit us to celebrate our Scottish heritage in a safe and socially distanced way."



*Bethany Bisaillon*

Bisaillon added, "Bob and I have been long-time supporters of Scottish heritage and culture and once we put our heads together, it didn't take long to conclude that this virtual "open mic" experience might just fit the bill."

Both Bisaillon and Currie have a considerable contact base in the global Scottish arts community so this program promises to be a success.

**Thirteen Hundred and Twenty Submissions by April 6 is the goal!**

The duo has established a lofty goal for their program - collecting 1320 performance submissions by Tartan Day on April 6.

Currie added, "We know we've set a high bar with this program, but why not? Social media is flooded with musicians, singers, dancers and the like that are offering their considerable talent, all we're doing is aggregating these performances in one spot."

**Now, Tartan Day - Project 1320 welcomes all submissions**

**on their Facebook page at**

**[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TartanDay-Project1320)**

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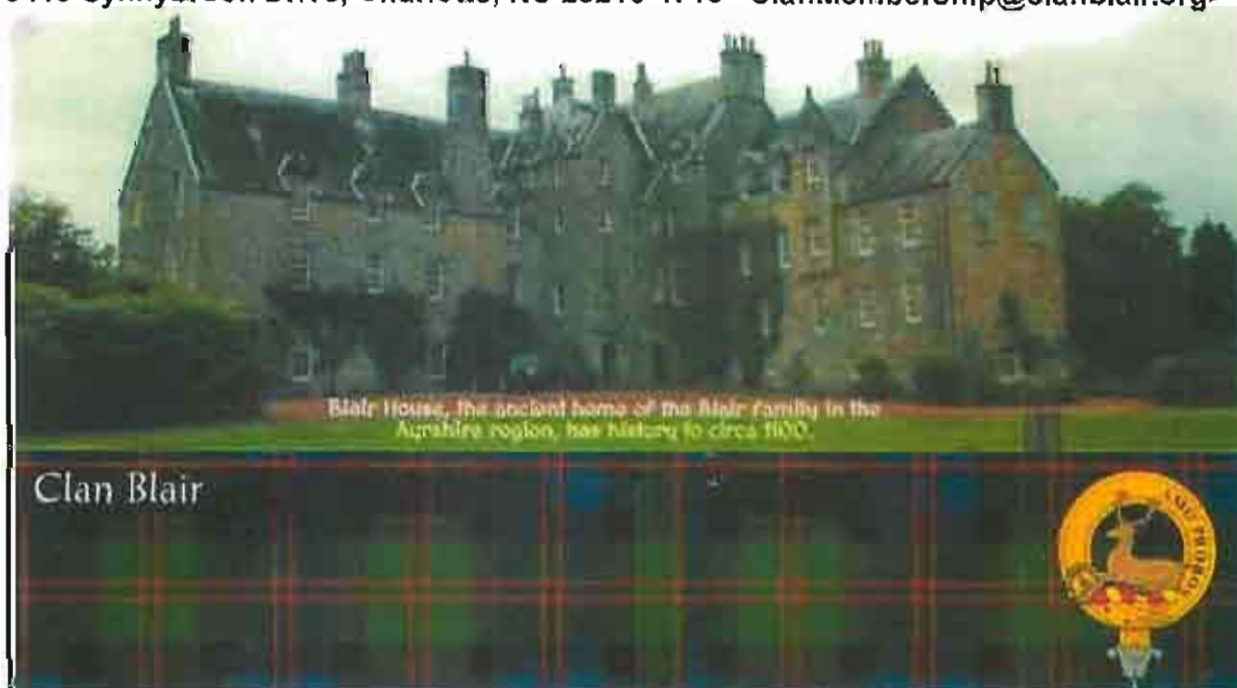
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# Three-mile long beach in the Outer Hebrides named one of the 20 best in Europe

Brian Ferguson, writing for THE SCOTSMAN



A three-mile long stretch of sand on a Hebridean island with a population of around 130 has been crowned one of Europe's best beaches by a global travel bible.

*Lonely Planet* has named this "divine" stretch of coastline in a list of Europe's top 20 beaches. It claimed third place rated ahead of beaches in Greece, Cyprus, Portugal, Croatia, Montenegro, Sicily, and Corsica.

Have you visited?

*Lonely Planet* said the selected beaches were "the cream of the European coast."

It describes West Beach a "ravishing three-mile expanse of white sand, sliding gently into a turquoise sea" which is often deserted apart from seabirds, porpoises and otters.

*Lonely Planet*, which rated Haukland Beach in Norway as number one and Cala Goloritzè in Sardinia as number two, has also told readers that the Outer Hebrides "stash away" some of Europe's remotest beaches.

Berneray, which has been linked to North Uist by a causeway since 1998, is thought to have been

inhabited since the Bronze Age.

A popular stop-off for walkers and cyclists on the "Hebridean Way" route through the Outer Hebrides, the island is around two miles wide and three miles long. As well as tourism, it also relies on fishing and crofting to sustain the local economy.

*Lonely Planet's* article states: "Out on a limb in the wild North Atlantic, the Outer Hebrides stash away some of Europe's remotest beaches. Singling one out is tough, but West Beach on the wee isle of Berneray is divine.

"Through dunes and wind-bent machair grasses, you reach this ravishing three-mile expanse of white sand, sliding gently into a turquoise sea.

"It's often empty but for seabirds trilling overhead and the occasional porpoise or otter."

Eilidh Carr, owner of the Coralbox Gift Shop on Berneray, said: The West Beach is my favourite spot in the world and I never tire of visiting it.

"Each walk I go on, the weather, colours of the sea and views are different each time."

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Some of the funding Scottish Heritage USA has provided over the years:

• Culloden Visitor's Centre – media centre	\$300,000*
• The Scottish Gaelic Studies Lectureship at UNC Chapel for the academic years of 2017-20	\$185,000
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• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
• Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20	\$6,000

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*Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle*



*The Hill House, Helensburgh*

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These and many more are offered at the Cultural Village and are well attended and highly thought of at the Games.

**The National Trust Foundation USA was given \$20,000** to support the work of the National Trust for Scotland (NTS). As our members know, Scottish Heritage has long been a financial supporter of NTS and when you are a member of Scottish Heritage USA, you automatically become a member of NTS with all its rights and privileges.

**Scottish Heritage USA invites you to join** an organization dedicated to the exchange of ideas between the peoples of Scotland and North America. To join visit [scottishheritageusa.org/memberships](http://scottishheritageusa.org/memberships) for full details.

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With thanks to *Dubh Ghlase*, Newsletter of the Clan Douglas Society.



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Look out for the Trust's plans for the commemoration of the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle in April, which we will be announcing shortly.

To view the 360 degree tour visit:

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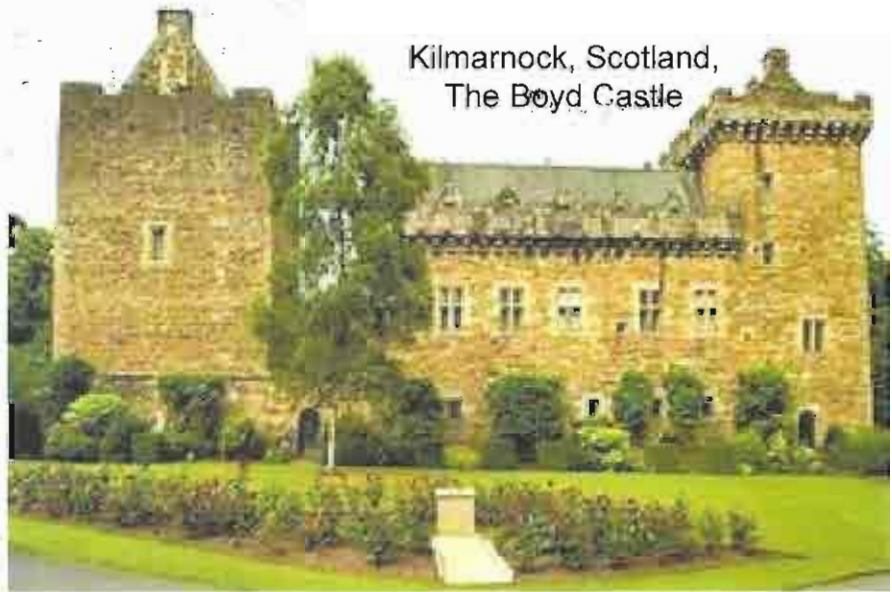


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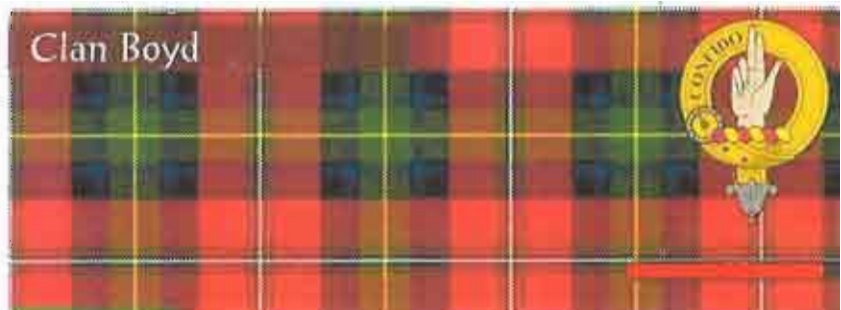
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# Differentiating Between Ancestors with Common or Similar Names

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

When searching for ancestors, whether in print or online sources, discovering people with the same or very similar names living in the same localities and states is common. Your ancestor's unique identity goes far beyond knowing their names and birth dates. The process should include learning about their lives, as in their level of education, occupations, places of residence, land or property ownership, and related life experiences. It is also helpful if you know the names of any close friends and neighbours. In many cases, sons and daughters dated and eventually married. Sometimes these people kept diaries or correspondence that had information about both families. Here are some options with a proven track record for success to assist in the process:

**Dates of Birth or Age:** Historically, exact dates of birth are rare and of questionable accuracy. Ages are frequently off by anywhere from one to five years but if other factors fit your profile minus the age; it may merit a closer look later on.

**Family Members:** Locating family members in censuses and other records improves your chances of locating and recognizing your ancestor. Ages and birthplaces of their children may provide hints of marriage dates and places when families moved, and the states they migrated to.

**Friends and Neighbors:** These people may have been in-laws or relatives. Marriages between sons and daughters living in close proximity were common. Neighbouring families often migrated together.

**Land and Property Ownership:** Trace every piece of land owned by the ancestor. Land records



identify the buyers and sellers and sometimes where they came from previously and later destinations. The names of neighbours, associates, and witnesses may be present.

**Military Service:** Wars and various conflicts were prominent in early American history. If your ancestor was between the ages of 16 and 45, there may be a pension record, compiled service packet, bounty land grant, or records showing membership in a veteran's organization available for research.

**Names:** Ancestors may have been known by their first, middle, or nickname at various times of their lives. Many changed their names upon reaching the age of adulthood. Surnames will frequently vary for a variety of reasons. Recordkeepers often spelt by sound since most people were illiterate. Problems with translations, handwriting, and indexing are other contributors.

**Occupations:** Most farmers owned land and property. If circumstances led to the soil failing due to natural disasters or failure to rotate crops, they would move to where fresh land was available. Merchants tended to be wealthy businesspersons and often owned land, property and business investments. Sons of farmers tended to be farmers. Sons of merchants tended to be merchants.

**Places of Birth, Marriage, Death or Residence:** Specific places such as towns and

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# HERE'S THE Clan Douglas Society NEWS

The 2021 Clan Douglas General Members Meeting has been postponed. However, officer elections will be held.

Related to the GMM postponement, the election of officers which generally occurs every three years at that meeting as specified by the CDSNA Bylaws, the Clan Douglas Board decided that elections will occur this year, but via an electronic method yet to be determined. At this

time, a nominating committee is being formed to present a slate of officers to members.

More details regarding the election of officers will be provided in the June issue of *Dubh Ghlas*, the newsletter of the Clan Douglas Society of North America.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please address them via email to Jim Morton, Secretary, at <DouglasSecretary@comcast.net>

## How can I renew my membership to CDSNA, if I missed my local festival?



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## The West Beach, *continued from page 7* —



"From stormy winter walks in force nine to summer strolls at sunset, it's the best place to visit. You can walk for miles and miles and not meet anyone else apart from an otter or oystercatcher.

"Last summer I started swimming during the sunny summer days or for sunsets. It's a magical place to watch the sun set while swimming in the turquoise blue water."

Mairi Thomson, Outer Hebrides Tourism development officer, said: "We are absolutely delighted that West Beach in Berneray has been chosen by Lonely Planet.

"It's a truly amazing pristine white sandy beach with turquoise sea. This gem is a wee bit off the beaten track and often missed by visitors.

"Very often it is Luskentyre Beach in Harris that wins the accolades, but West Beach is a worthy winner.

"We have around 100 beaches and they're all very special. You really get the feeling of getting away from the business of life—even the horizontal rain and gale force winds can't take their magic away."

A spokesman for *VisitScotland* said: The recognition that West Beach on Berneray is one of the best in Europe, chosen by a worldwide trusted travel publisher, is fantastic news. It keeps attention on Scotland as a must-visit travel destination and provides continued inspiration for the time when it is safe for fellow travellers to visit."



I'm  
Joe Smith!

No, I'm  
Joe Smith!



## Differentiating Between Ancestors,

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countries identify your ancestor better than just states and countries. Records were usually created in each place of residence. The place of death may have published death announcements or obituaries in the local newspaper, death, probate, or other related records.

**Religion:** Historically, religion played a greater role in the lives of our ancestors. County histories and newspapers (especially the Sunday edition), are usually the best sources to identify the existing denominations in the place of residence. Churches usually maintained more detailed records on the common people than government entities until the mandate of civil vital records that began to appear in the mid-to-late 1800s. Tombstones contain religious symbols or references.

More detailed study guides on this topic are available free upon request. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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### *Just to remind you:*

Yesterday (March 5, 2021) there were  
65,681 new cases of Coronavirus in the US.  
Yesterday, (March 5, 2021) there were  
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It's really not over yet. Be patient, please.



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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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# Lookie what your editor found!



*Another bad hair day for your editor! I had already finished carrying the torch. I did not drop it and did not pass out during the run from excitement. That was a lifetime thrill for me!*

*My Tom also carried the Olympic Torch that year for the Paralympics. We did not know each other then.*

For the 100<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games held that year in Atlanta, Georgia, your editor was honored to be one of the Olympic Torchbearers among the "Community Hero" participants.

Cleaning out some things this past week, I found this picture of me in front of the Olympic banners on the Moultrie, Georgia Courthouse.

Affixed to a barrett in my hair are strips of clan tartans sent to me by many, many clans. I remember there were about 60 bits of tartan which had arrived by the Torch Run Day! Yes, I did wear it when I carried the torch!

Did you know your tartan got carried then?



I found for access to ScotWeek ScotWeek.org It really sounds very nice and has lots of good things planned.



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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.







**Linda Henderson, 74,** passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at her home with her family by her side. She was deeply loved by her family, friends and neighbors.

A memorial service was held at Forbis and Dick Funeral Home on W. Friendly Avenue in Greensboro on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. A graveside service at Center United Methodist Church followed.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Henderson, and their adopted son Erik, daughter Jennifer Dixon Dooley, husband James Dooley and their son Aiden James Dooley, and daughter-in-law June Odom Dixon.

She is preceded by her beloved son, Brad Denny Dixon; mother, Mary Goolsby Middleton and father, Arthur Wallace Middleton of Stokesdale.

Linda was born in Greensboro, NC to Mary and Wallace Middleton. She was raised in Stokesdale, NC and graduated from Bethany High School in Summerfield, NC. She graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in education. She later moved to Kernersville, NC where she raised her children and was an owner of several

businesses.

She, along with her husband, was a member of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

Linda was an incredible mother, grandmother and friend. An avid master gardener, reader, quilter and knitter. She volunteered for many years at her church, Center United Methodist Church, and Moses Cone's Cardiac Rehab Center.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate in her memory to Center United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).





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It is all stations go at the moment and we are delighted to let you know about a potential new wildcat area we have been informed about in Aberdeenshire.

As you all know, we are monitoring wildcats in the Clashindarroch and have previously found a new population of wildcats to the south of the Clashindarroch, which we are also currently monitoring.

However, this week we were contacted by a naturalist in a completely new area of Aberdeenshire and they sent us some very recent footage of what clearly looks like a Scottish wildcat.

You won't see a better ringed and blunt wildcat tail than this. Through further investigation and discussion with the local community, which is in a very remote area, it transpires that there may be multiple cats in this area.

This is of course a hugely important boost as it could mean a third population in Aberdeenshire. Obviously every individual wildcat is precious and so we will be working with the community to try and get an assessment of the population there.

We are very excited about this new development and will keep you posted. Perhaps we are being overly optimistic, but the cat in the picture looks to have a very heavy stomach and looks like it may be pregnant. We are in the breeding season now, so that is a distinct possibility.

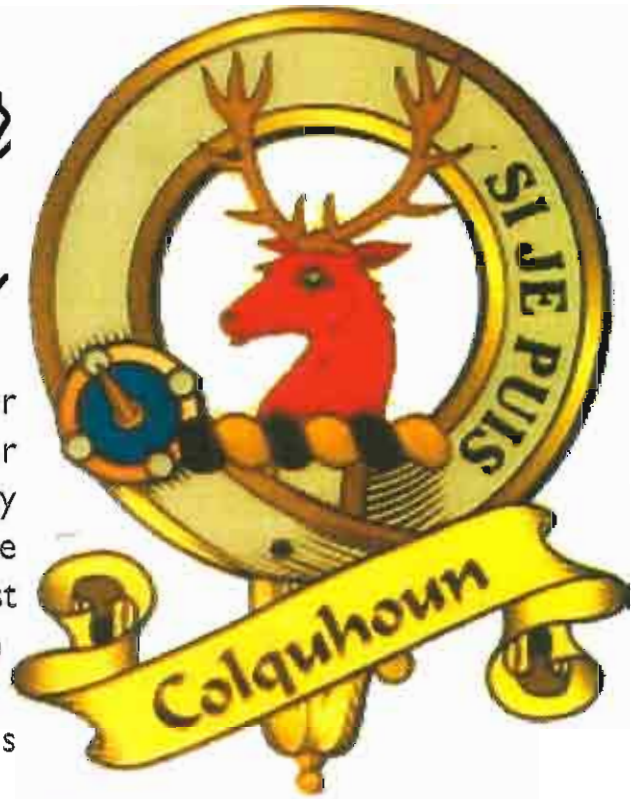
This footage was obtained only last week and we will let you know when we get more footage. Here is the link: <<https://youtu.be/ahdOI8m1FEc>>

To find out more please visit [www.wildcathaven.com](http://www.wildcathaven.com)



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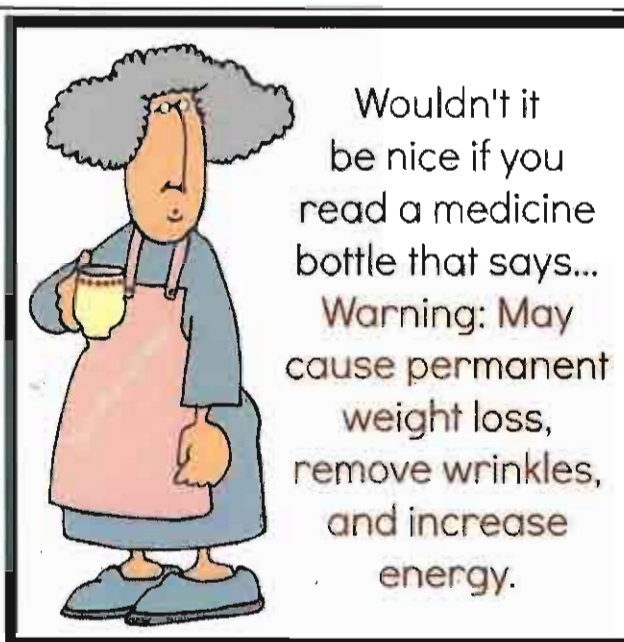
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## Clan Henderson at the NE Florida Games in Green Cove Springs, Florida



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# Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **April Lecture - *The Knights Templar and Historical Revisionism in the Modern Era*** (Monday 26th April, 6:00pm - 7:00pm GMT)

The Knights Templar are among the best-known elements of the medieval period. They were the first of the military-religious orders and important players in the Crusades. Dr Rory MacLellan will discuss how their legacy has endured in films, novels, comics, and video games, and how this fame has also led to darker appropriations. The lecture will be followed by the first Spring election of new Fellows.



### **News From the Sector**

#### ***New Society Grant - The Dr Euan MacKie Legacy Fund***

We are pleased to announce the launch of The Dr Euan MacKie Legacy Fund. Reflecting Dr MacKie's interests in Scottish archaeology, the new fund will provide for scientific analyses or reconstruction images relating to Neolithic or Iron Age Scotland. A maximum of £1,200 per year is available.

### **Scotland on Film**

Join Caroline Brown from the University of Dundee to discover how archives help us interrogate our histories and how they impact our world today. Enjoy over 300 lectures on our *YouTube* channel.

### **Bring the Society Home with a new book**

In a remote sea cave on the Moray coast, the remains of mummified bodies lay hidden for thousands of years. Uncover the search for Scotland's Pictish past in *Darkness Visible: The Sculptor's Cave, Covesea, from the Bronze Age to the Picts*, co-authored by Dr Lindsey Büster FSAScot. Don't forget, Fellows receive a 20% discount on books in our online shop.



Hi. I just thought that if there is someone out there reading *BNFT* who would like to become a member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and you don't know how to do that, just contact <bethscribble@aol.com>.

If you are a member of your clan and have been active in Scottish activities or if you

have a real interest in the archaeology of Scotland, you will enjoy being a part of this very worthwhile organization.

Members are called Fellows and are elected twice a year starting this April when the first Spring election of new Fellows will take place. There is another election every October.



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# 2020 Stewart Scot of the Year is Amberle Wright

## CONGRATULATIONS

Joan Massart-Paden, The Clan Stewart Society

The Scot of the year award exemplifies the spirit of the club through participation in club events, assuming leadership positions for club events and recognizes significant contribution of time, effort and energy on a consistent basis with a willingness to always help.

This year, my selectee has done many things. She has been instrumental in organizing our Clans and initiated our trail cleanup resulting in community awareness of our club. She has been an active board member as well as accepting responsibilities as Secretary of the Board of Directors this past year.

She has been a positive influence in our deliberations and discussions and provided a common sense approach to solving problems. She has consistently supported our

activities including the club's participation in the Fur R o n d y parade, our a n n u a l Highland Games, St. Andrew's N i g h t activities and our a n n u a l

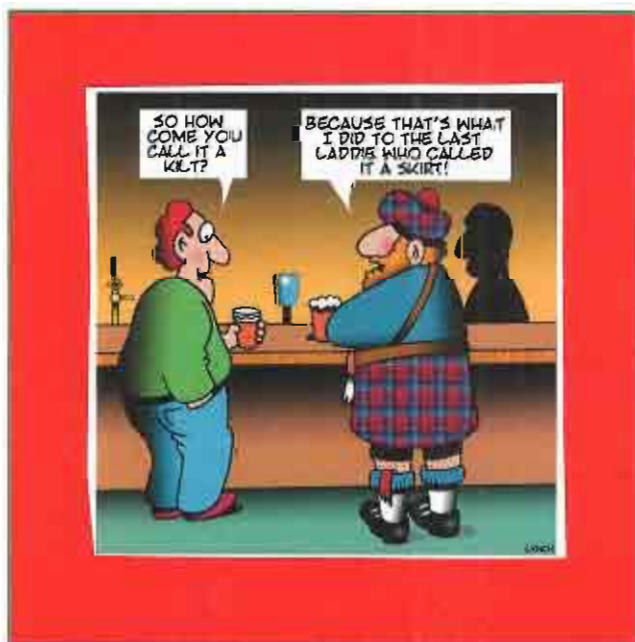
Burn's Night dinner which included taking up the mantle of Emcee for our first virtual Robert Burn's Night.

Her efforts have been significant and contributed to the success of all these events and activities.

Her positive attitude makes her a valuable asset to the club's accomplishments. She has generously given her time, efforts and resources helping the club achieve its goals.

She is a shining example of a very valuable board and club member. It is my privilege and honor to designate Amberle Wright as our 2020 Scot of the Year.

Amberle was also honored with the Alaskan Scottish Club's 2020 Scot of the Year award. Congratulations Amberle!





# Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

Friends,

2020 - and all of the canceled highland games nationwide - are now behind us. With great hope we look forward to the 2021 season of games and festivals.

While we are saddened to have canceled the 2020 games for the health and safety of our guests, we are delighted that our dedicated volunteers were able to provide our guests with a 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Now a permanent fixture on the internet, our virtual games can continuously be enjoyed by all until we can all get back on the field and gather for what is internationally known as the "friendly games."

We are looking forward to hosting and seeing you in **2021** as we present the **49th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** **October 16th and 17th** in the meadow at **Stone Mountain Park, GA**. Information about 2021 tickets and events will be posted on our website sometime in January.

**Until then relive the 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games on our website.**

Once again, we look forward to 2021 and safely gathering with you, our friends, at the games. See you there!

Yours Aye,

Norman P. Livermore  
President - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

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# Dramatic discovery links Stonehenge to its original site – in Wales

*Find backs theory that bluestones first stood at Waun Mawn before being dragged 140 miles to Wiltshire*

Dalya Alberge **The Guardian**



*Prof Alice Roberts in front of Stonehenge for a BBC Two documentary: The Lost Circle Revealed to be screened on Friday. Photograph: Barney Rowe/BBC/PA*

An ancient myth about Stonehenge, first recorded 900 years ago, tells of the wizard Merlin leading men to Ireland to capture a magical stone circle called the Giants' Dance and rebuilding it in England as a memorial to the dead.

Geoffrey of Monmouth's account had been dismissed, partly because he was wrong on other historical facts, although the bluestones of the monument came from a region of Wales that was considered Irish territory in his day.

Now a vast stone circle created by our Neolithic ancestors has been discovered in Wales with features suggesting that the 12th-century legend may not be complete fantasy.

Its diameter of 110 metres is identical to the ditch that encloses Stonehenge and it is aligned on

the midsummer solstice sunrise, just like the Wiltshire monument.

A series of buried stone-holes that follow the circle's outline has been unearthed, with shapes that can be linked to Stonehenge's bluestone pillars. One of them bears an imprint in its base that matches the unusual cross-section of a Stonehenge bluestone "like a key in a lock", the archaeologists discovered.

Mike Parker Pearson, a professor of British later prehistory at University College London, told the Guardian: "I've been researching Stonehenge for 20 years now and this really is the most exciting thing we've ever found."

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The evidence backs a century-old theory that the nation's greatest prehistoric monument was built in Wales and venerated for hundreds of years before being dismantled and dragged to Wiltshire, where it was resurrected as a second-hand monument.

Geoffrey had written of "stones of a vast magnitude" in his *History of the Kings of Britain*, which popularised the legend of King Arthur, but which is considered as much myth as historical fact.

Parker Pearson said there may well be a "tiny grain" of truth in his account of Stonehenge: "My word, it's tempting to believe it ... We may well have just found what Geoffrey called the "Giants' Dance."

The discovery will be published in *Antiquity*, the peer-reviewed journal of world archaeology, and explored in a documentary on *BBC Two* on Friday presented by Prof Alice Roberts.

A century ago, the geologist Herbert Thomas established that the spotted dolerite bluestones at Stonehenge originated in the Preseli hills of Pembrokeshire where, he suspected, they had originally formed a "venerated stone circle".

The newly discovered circle – one of the largest ever constructed in Britain – is virtually a stone's throw (3 miles) from the Preseli quarries from which the bluestones were extracted before being dragged more than 140 miles to Salisbury Plain some 5,000 years ago.

In 2015, Parker Pearson's team discovered a series of recesses in the rocky outcrops of Carn Goedog and Craig Rhos-y-felin with similar stones that the prehistoric builders extracted but left behind.

Carbonised hazelnut shells – the charred remains of a Neolithic snack from the quarry workers' campfires – were radiocarbon-dated to 3,300 BC, meaning the bluestones had been quarried almost four centuries before Stonehenge

was constructed.

It convinced Parker Pearson in 2015 that "somewhere near the quarries there is the first Stonehenge and that what we're seeing at Stonehenge is a second-hand monument".

On Thursday he talked of his excitement of finding the evidence. "How else do you explain that the stones come from a series of quarries 140 miles away as the crow flies, if there isn't some other kind of relationship?" It just struck me that surely there has to be a stone circle."

Over many years, Parker Pearson and his team of professional archaeologists, students and volunteers explored every conceivable Preseli site in a needle-in-a-haystack search.

To see the invisible, they used the most advanced scientific techniques, but they failed to reveal anything in the unyielding soil around a site named *Waun Mawn*. It still has four monoliths, three now recumbent. A century ago, a suggestion that these

were remnants of a stone circle was dismissed.

But the theory was proved correct. Parker Pearson refused to give up and resorted to tried-and-tested digging around those monoliths. "We were lucky because this circle had four stones still left. If they'd taken them to Wiltshire, we would never have found the circle's stone-holes and I doubt archaeologists would have stumbled across this for centuries to come."

The acidic soil had destroyed almost all organic matter that could have been carbon-dated. But traces of ancient sunlight lingering in the soil was analysed and gave a likely construction date of around 3,300 BC – finally confirming Stonehenge's secret, lost history.

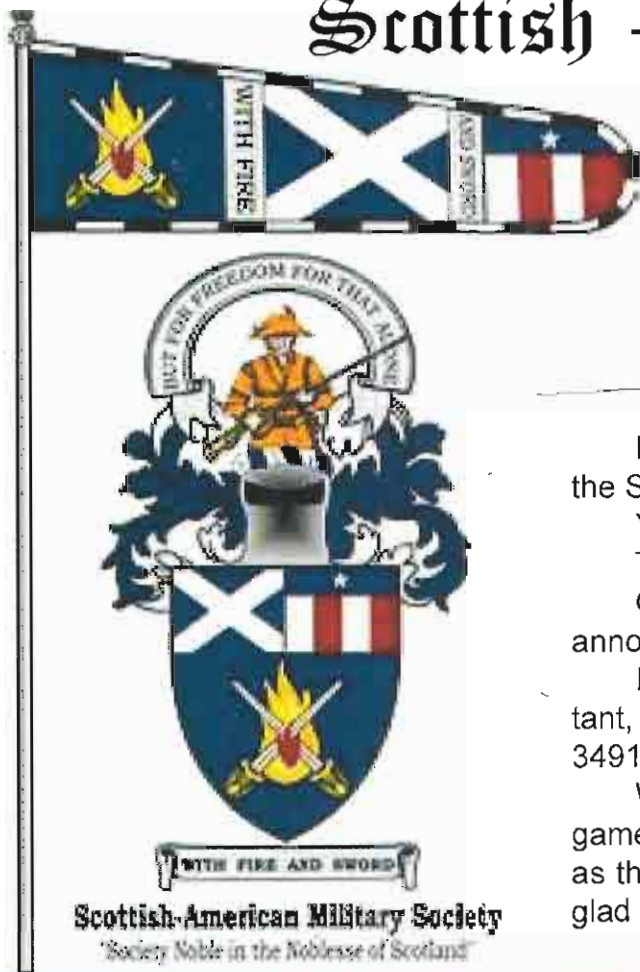
• This article was amended on 12 February 2021 to clarify in the subheading that it was only the Stonehenge bluestones that are believed to have first stood at *Waun Mawn* before being transported to Wiltshire.



Alice Roberts with Mike Parker Pearson at one of the remaining Waun Mawn stones. Photograph: Barney Rowe/BBC/PA

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