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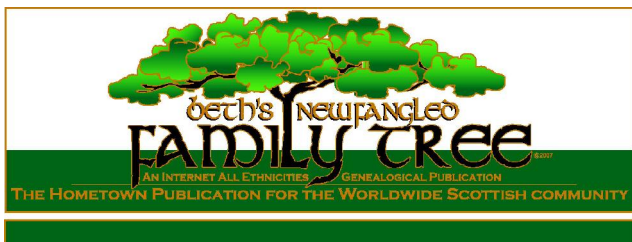
Scots Academic and Writer is Awarded one of Austria's most prestigious honours

On 22 June 2011 in Vienna, the President of Austria awarded a Scottish constitutional expert and writer the Cross of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria (Das Goldene Ehrenzeichen für Verdienste um die Republik Österreich).

The ceremony in the historic Congress Hall of the Ballhausplatz, where the Congress of Vienna was held in 1814/15, was attended by two British ambassadors amongst other VIPs. This was in recognition of his work in compilation of the *Continued on page 27*



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Mewry Christmas!

from the cats:

*Narra,
 Peggie Hairy,
 Bicket,
 Angus, Miss Priss
 and Dora!*

Horse:

Ruby Lou Begonia

People:

*Bethie,
 Tom & Alastair*

A letter from your editor

Let's think about this Christmas

I've been working on our Christmas cards since last February. Yep, all that time. It's funny, as I sort of moseyed along, not worrying about time and thinking that Christmas was a very long time away.

Our friends would be upset, I think, should they ever get a store-bought card from us. I've made my own cards forever! and for the last six years Tom and I have made our own cards to send. It's fun dreaming up the card and then making them and even fun addressing the envelopes and thinking about each person on our list.

In reality, the cards are my favorite part of the holiday since we hear from friends and family we do not get to see often. I LOVE Christmas cards!

So, I've been working on the 2011 Christmas cards all year, in no hurry, just enjoying the process. Tra la la.

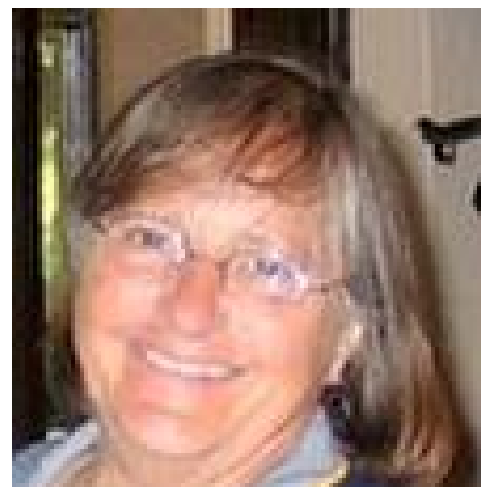
All of a sudden a few weeks ago, I did a mental *ÖYIKES!* It's NOVEMBER!

As I write this, a last-minute rush of work and organization and help from Tom and the cards are all done and stamped and waiting for next Wednesday *ó* the day before Thanksgiving *ó* to be mailed!

I'd bet that we're not the only household where Christmas this year will be very simple. The economic times have hit just about everyone! .some worse than others.

Someone sent me something the other day about thinking about our gifts and making sure that the gifts did more than one thing - a gift and a help to local folks.

I, of course, can't find the information now *ó*



but I thought it was filled with great ideas that won't break anybody's bank.

Think about giving gift certificates from restaurants that are local to you *ó* neither chains nor big business. Everyone enjoys an evening out for supper/dinner and many times, the food is delicious and almost homemade at the mom and pop local places! Your gift helps the local business and is a treat for your friends.

Look around where you live for other *ó*local*ö* gift giving opportunities. In Walhalla, we have the Civic Auditorium which presents all manner of entertainment all through the year. Why not tickets to a show shown locally?

Everybody needs things like car washes and oil changes. With only a little research, you can get gift certificates from a local car dealer for those.

How about a gift certificate from the dry cleaners?

How about a gift certificate

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A Christmas story that goes on all year through

On Monday, I played the Disney, Lake Buena Vista course. As usual the starters matched me with three other players. After a few holes we began to get to know each other a bit.



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for your pet-owning friends for a weekend pet boarding?

Boy, how we would love some friends to give us a certificate good for coming by the house when we must be away and feeding the cats and even cleaning the litter boxes!!! That would be a doozie of a gift! (And, costs nothing.)

If we can figure out ñno costö or ñlow costö gifts ó that helps everyone. If we can figure out a way to be as generous as the times allow this year ó and help local business at the same time ó why, to me, those are great ideas!

We hope the next year will bring better financial times. We hope the next year will bring health and happiness to you and yours.

Love, bethie

One fellow was rather young and had his wife riding along in the golf cart with him. I noticed that his golf bag had his name on it and after closer inspection, it also said ñwounded war veteransö.

When I had my first chance to chat with him I asked him about the bag. His response was simply that it was a gift.

I then asked if he was wounded and he said yes. When I asked more about his injury, his response was ñI'd rather not talk about it, sirö.

Over a few holes I learned that he had spent the last 15 months in an army rehabilitation hospital in San Antonio Texas . His wife moved there to be with him and he was released from the hospital in September.

He was a rather quiet fellow; however, he did say that he wanted to get good at golf.

We had a nice round and as we became a bit more familiar I asked him about the brand new set of Ping woods and irons he was playing.

Some looked like they had never been hit. His response was simple. He said that this round was the first full round he had played with these clubs.

Later in the round he told me the following. As part of the discharge process from the rehabilitation hospital, Ping comes in and provides three days of golf instruction, followed by club fitting.

Upon discharge from the hospital, Ping gives each of the discharged veterans, generally about 40 soldiers, a brand new set of custom fitted clubs along with the impressive golf bags.

The fellow I met was named Ben Woods and he looked me in the eye and said that being fitted for those clubs was one of the best things that ever happened to him and he was determined to learn to play golf well enough to deserve the gift Ping had given him.

Ben is now out of the service, medically discharged just a month ago.

He is as fine a young man as you would ever want to meet.

Ping, whose products are made with pride here in America (Arizona), has the good judgment not to advertise this program. Thank you PING.

The Call has been issued!

All Clans to gather for The Glasgow Highland Games 2012! Come share your Scottish pride by participating in 2012 Raising of The Clans.

Remember all Clans in attendance will receive 2 Games tickets for Saturday and Sunday! Give your best Clan war cry so Clan Hay (last year's winner) chooses your Clan as this year's winner! Let's kick off the Ceilidh with an inspiring torchlight ceremony!

I hope to see all of you there!

Peter Lapham

Director, Raising of the Clans
Glasgow Highland Games

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Primary vs. Secondary Sources in Genealogical Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy,
Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County (FL) Library

For many beginning researchers, the terms primary and secondary information and sources can be confusing. Primary sources, briefly defined, are documents or records created at the time of, or shortly after, an event by either someone with personal knowledge of the facts or the actual testimony of a person involved in the event. In the ideal situation, informants may have been on the scene at the time of the event, and were close friends of the individual or family members. Unfortunately, it is possible that they may have been bystanders or neighbors whose knowledge of the individual or family may have been limited at best. Fortunately, if this was the case, authorities may have tried to locate family members to obtain additional details.

Primary sources are usually the first or earliest documents in which a particular piece of information was recorded. This source may be an official document or certificate, or a published work containing transcribed information from original documents or other primary sources. Records containing this scope of information may include diaries, journals, state or federal census records, courthouse records such as deeds, wills, probates, birth or death records, baptism or marriage records, ships passenger lists and military records. Primary records are, of course, the most reliable sources, but secondary records can provide you with many clues for further research.

Secondary sources are published works, including those distributed electronically, either copied or compiled from primary sources, or reflecting the conclusions of a researcher based on primary or secondary sources. Secondary information was usually pro-

vided by someone whose knowledge of data was not from firsthand knowledge. They may have been family members but were either away at the time the event occurred, estranged from the individual or family, or resided in distant localities.

Secondary sources are those records or other pieces of information that were created at some time after an event occurred. The passage of time, the lapse of memory, and the lack of knowledge (or ignorance) of the person providing the information all conspire to make the evidence less than reliable. In addition, an informant sometimes falsifies information for a variety of reasons. When analyzing information, regardless of whether it is a primary or secondary source, it is helpful to know the relationship between the informant to the individual or family. That relationship may shed light on the potential accuracy of the information.

Secondary sources should be viewed with skepticism until they are later verified in a primary source. By their very nature they should be suspect, and you should always seek additional evidence to either corroborate or contradict the facts they present. Examples of secondary sources may include family histories, bible records, indexes or compilations of census or marriage records, any sort of history (county, state, etc.), and collections of cemetery inscriptions.

Some documents can be both primary and secondary sources. Death certificates are notorious for their errors. Dependable information on a death certificate may include the name of the decedent, date and place of death, place of burial, and undertaker's

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McDuffee Clan Society of America **of Clan Macfie** *50th Anniversary Celebration*

to be held at Glasgow, KY Highland Games May 30 - June 3, 2012

The games are held at Barren River Park

Registration should be in no later than two week prior to the event

We will plan arrival at the Ramada Inn, Bowling Green , KY on Wed., May 30.

Registration for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

will be \$93.50 per person

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 plus transportation to and from the games.

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Registration needs to be returned by 1 May 2012

You're invited to Hogmanay in Winston-Salem, NC

The Triad Highland Games invite you to Hogmanay, 7 January 2012 in Winston-Salem, NC. The event is at Finnegan's Wake, 620 Trade Street, Winston-Salem.

Events will get under way at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$35 for dinner and dessert, cash bar.

There will be a parade of the haggis, music and possibly singing, toasts, and all the trimmings.

Seating is limited to 75 so get your requests in early! a Great Christmas present!

Contact Marcia Harper at us@scottish-harpers.com for reservations and further details.



Bryan Mulcahy,
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name. However, the key word is *õmayö*. Always examine the date of death and the certificate's issue date. If there is any significant time lapse, look for other corroborating evidence elsewhere. Also, the date of birth, birth location, age, names of spouse, and names of parents are all secondary sources. Never take these details for fact. Remember that someone else acted as informant in order to fill out the certificate. If he or she didn't know the correct information, he/she may have guessed at it. Use these pieces of information as pointers, but always find other substantiating evidence.

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Scottish Wisdom

Letter to the editor:

**“Sir, if you print
any more jokes
about Scotsmen, I
shall cease
borrowing your
newspaper.”**

With thanks to *The St. Andrew's Cross*, publication of the Tallahassee, Florida St. Andrew Society.



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2011

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

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Flowers of the Forest

Helena Stewart Peterson Medani on June 8, 2011 in Hollywood, FL surrounded by family. She was the wife of the late Renato E. Medani. She is survived by four sons; Dr. Charles Medani, Cantonville, MD; Robert P. Medani, Winterhaven, FL; Jean Pierre Medani, Hollywood, FL; and Alexander Medani, Springfield, VA. She is also survived by five grandchildren. Mrs. Medani was the daughter of the late Richmond M. and Eunice McDuffee Peterson. For many years she was an active member of the MacDuffee Clan Society and attended many clan meetings at Grandfather Mountain and Stone Mountain Games.

Robert Colton MacDuffee, MD of Elizabethtown, NC on December 7, 2009 following an extended illness. Born in Princeton, NJ on April 23, 1923 to the late Cyrus Colton and Mary Bean MacDuffee. He received degrees from the University of Chicago in medicine. He served in the US Army at Walter Reed Hospital and with the 1st Calvary Div in combat in Korea. He was board certified in pathology and family practice in several states, retiring from the Naples Medical Center, Naples FL., where he founded the Walk-In Clinic.

He is survived by his wife Ann Jessup MacDuffee; three daughters, Martha Cichelli and husband Richard Nazareth, PA; Jennifer Gulley and husband Robert of Bellevue, KY; and Susan MacDuffee of Palm Harbour, FL; two granddaughters; sister Helen Berg of Portland, OR. His interest in genealogy was well known and he could often be found in attendance at gatherings of Scottish Clans.

He served as president of the MacDuffee Clan Society of America and enjoyed traveling to his ancestral sites in Scotland.

Charles Crawford of The St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, died on October 24, 2011, age 94. He is survived by his son, Roger S. Crawford.

It is with sadness I inform you of the passing of **June Smith**. For years she and her husband Bob manned the Clan Bell tents at Highland Games in the Pacific Northwest. She was also involved with Clans Donald and Clan Donnachaidh. She was also involved with the Scottish Military Society and was a member of Clan Cian.

Charles Meadows, was born 17 September 1950 in Atlanta, Georgia and died 16 August 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was preceded in death when he was a baby, by his parents, Roy and Dorothy Daniel Meadows.

Charles received his undergraduate degree at Oral Roberts University and his Master's Degree at Syracuse University in New York.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in Korea after the Korean Conflict.

He worked in the computer field for thirty-five years.

He is survived by his mother-since-he-was-a-baby, Jeri Daniel Martin, former CD

MidSouth Tennessee Commissioner - and family, including many cousins.

He was buried in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta.

Kathleen "Kathie" McKain Shepherd, North-East Atlantic Commissioner Emeritus

Kathie Shepherd, wife of Wes Shepherd, passed away at her home in Punxsutawney, PA, July 26, 2011, after a brief illness. Born April 20, 1944, in Dayton, PA, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Dorothy I. McKain. She was an alumnus of Thiel College, and a sister in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Kathie was known to many in Clan Donald having served her region, and the national office, in many capacities during the past two decades. Most notably, she served the region as Commissioner, and upon the end of her term was named North-East Atlantic Com-

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A Highlander And His Books....

A History of Clan Campbell, Volume 2

From Flodden to the Restoration

Reviewed By
Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA

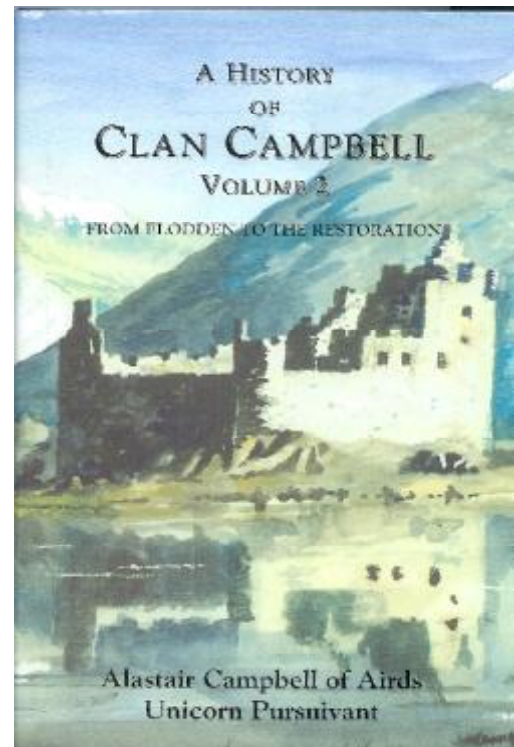
Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant, has done it again! Simply put, he has made my job of reviewing this book an easy one, a thing of beauty, as well as a matter of joy. Do not confuse this book with your average, run-of-the-mill clan history. If you do, you are the loser. This is a powerful book, riveting and full of òcanø wait to get to the next pageø writing by a master at his craft.

To know the history of Scotland is to know the history of its movers and shakers. Yet, òjust to knowø is not enough to get the real picture. More importantly, to understand the history of this proud nation is to be familiar with the lives of Scotlandø greatest sons - òde Brusø, Wallace, Montrose, Bonnie Prince Charlie - to name just a few of the giants. But many times larger than these individual warriors are the clans they represented and brought to the battlefields of Scotland. To know the history of Scotland is to know the history of its dominant clans.

My daddy would have called them òthe high and mightyø. None have been higher or mightier than Clan

Campbell, the clan that many love to hate. And, if you want to have a better understanding of the history of Scotland, I suggest to one and all that you buy this book, check it out of a library, or borrow it from a friend. Yes, to know the history of Scotland is to know the history of Clan Campbell because òsupporting the Crown was a family traditionø.

òFrom Flodden to the Restoration,ø Alastair



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Campbell gives us a òbehind the scenesø look at òthe good, the bad, and the uglyø of Clan Campbell. You will find the author candidly and refreshingly telling of the atrocities committed by the MacDonalds and the Campbells, two of Scotlandø warring clans. There is no attempt to whitewash or cover up the many incidents

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in history of the utter hatred these clans had for each other and the wanton destruction committed by each.

The author recounts a favorite story of mine as it pertains to the Isle of Jura where my ancestors came from. It is the story of a Shaw who offered to fight for the Macleans and was rejected in a rude manner by their chief. This prompted Shaw to move to the other side and fight with the MacDonalds. A showdown between the Macleans and the MacDonalds took place in Islay in 1598. (Yes, the Campbells and the MacDonalds fought to the death with other clans, not just each other). Before the battle was joined, so goes the story, Lachlan Mor had been approached by Dubh-sidh or Shaw of Jura. Shaw was a small man and his offer of service was contemptuously rejected by the Maclean Chief. This did him no good at all since the insulted Shaw waited until he had his opportunity and shot Lachlan Mor with an

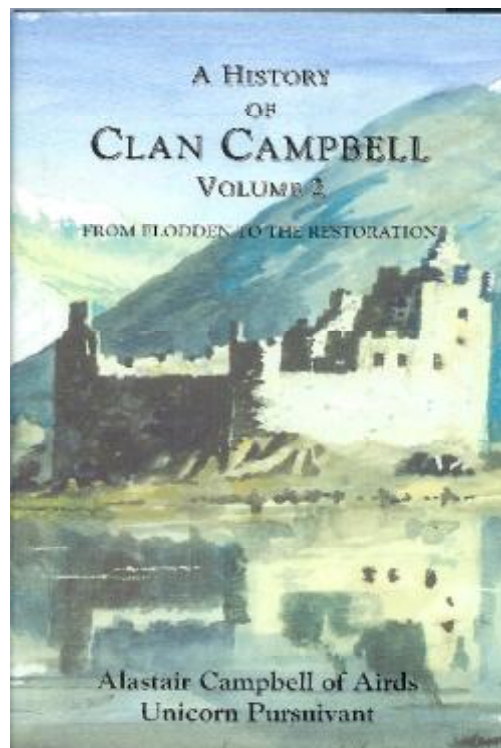
arrow in his chest and killed him. Seeing their leader fall, the Macleans broke and ran. The survivors took refuge in the Church of Kilnave, overlooking the broad sands of the bay. But their refuge availed them nothing as the triumphant MacDonalds set fire to the church and burnt alive all those sheltering within it. I have often used this story to teach the lesson for one to be careful who you mock, ridicule, taunt, or make fun of because your actions could end up biting

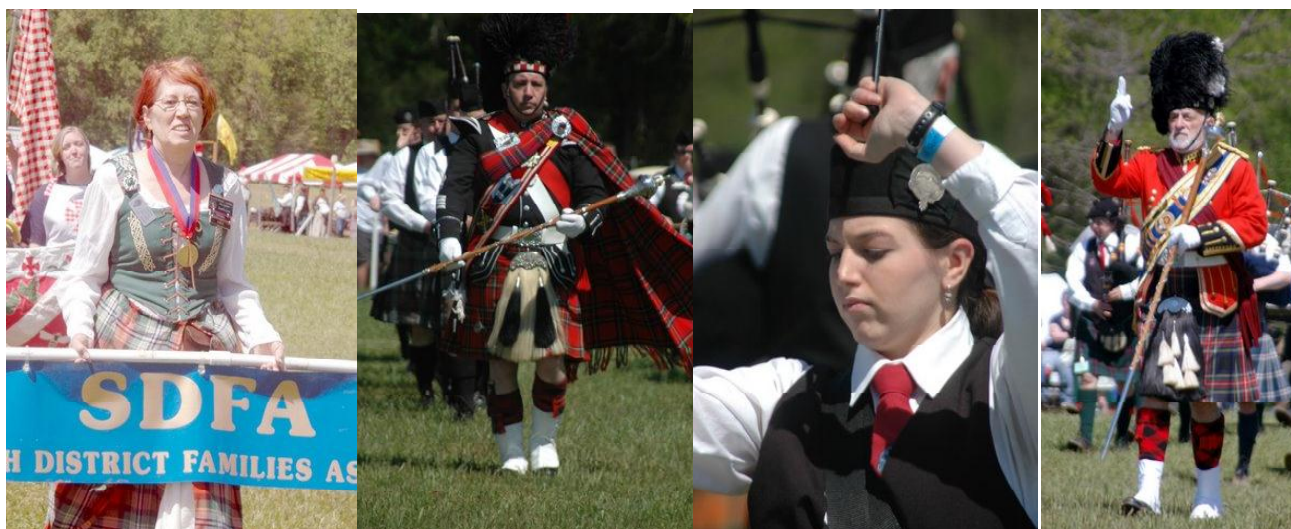
you in the you know what. This Shaw was a very small man, but he was big enough to shoot his bow, and the last laugh was on Lachlan Mor.

This is a book about Clan Campbell. But do not be lulled to sleep thinking it is one sided in favor of the Campbells. I believe the author has objectively pointed out the historical facts, pro and con, of the Campbells and the clans they fought against. He has adhered to the old saying that a coin has two sides, and his book is full of such evidence.

Two appendices appear. One deals with a rather substantial collection of music associated with Clan Campbell that Scottish music lovers will find of interest. The other discusses the Clan symbolic emblems, and the one that spoke to me most was the reference to the place where the clan rallied. It will bring to the reader's mind the place where his or her individual clan met before

going off to battle. Right now, I can picture in my mind Clan Shaw joining with its fellow members of Clan Chattan at the auld Dunlichity kirk, where I have stood many times taking the same pictures on each trip. They met to sharpen their weapons on the corner of the stone church where one will find today a sword-worn indentation that is centuries old. Some things you just never forget, and this is a book that falls in the same category! (3/9/03)





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Saturday, December 3, 2011

How to Interview Family Members, Friends, Relatives for Genealogical Research

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library.

Genealogical research involves gathering information from a variety of sources. These sources may include family members, especially elderly parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. Neighbors and people who worked with or were related to people that came into contact with our ancestors are two additional potential information sources.

Even in cases where the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are deceased, the surviving children often prove to be valuable sources of information. This may be especially true since with the passage of time, they have learned additional facts that may have been previously unknown within the family. This seminar will focus on techniques that have a proven track record for obtaining information relevant to genealogical research. The lecture will include a discussion of specific questions that can be especially helpful when dealing with elderly respondents suffering memory related challenges.

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Adoption and Genealogical Research

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library.

Adoption is a highly sensitive topic for many people. In recent decades, especially with the advent of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) in the 1980s, adoptees have become more aggressive in asserting their rights to complete access of their medical background records and history, as is the case with all other citizens of the United States. While researchers continue to encounter roadblocks to full access, this seminar will discuss strategies and options that are available to make the process easier. Attendees are encouraged to share their stories and experiences as well.

Saturday, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 2012

February Beginners Series

Speaker: Ms. Gina Hamister, Western Reserve Historical Society and New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

Session One: Using Home Sources and Organizing Your Research

Session Two: Finding Your Family in the United States Census

Session Three: Using Court House Resources and Vital Records

Session Four: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources For Locating Ancestors.

Saturday, March 26, 2012

Beginners Genealogy Workshop

Speakers: Carolyn Ford - Lee County Genealogical Society; Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library.

This one day seminar will introduce the concepts of genealogical research in a concise manner. Attendees will have the opportunity to begin the process of filling out forms, charts, and how to compile family information. We will also discuss the process of learning historical details about the lives of our



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Tallahassee's Joe Ashcraft Remembers Alasdair Gillies

Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies, who was regarded by many as one of the finest players to have ever picked up the pipes, passed away on August 27 at age 47.

The winner of many awards, he recorded widely and was a much respected figure throughout the world of piping. He was also the last pipe major of the *Queen's Own Highlanders* prior to its amalgamation with the *Gordon Highlanders* and was then, the first pipe major of the new battalion *The Highlanders*.

In 1997 he took up a teaching position in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the Carnegie Mellon University Pipe Band which he filled with much distinction until 2009. As a piper he had superb technique and a natural understanding of the music that made his piping special.

Pipe Major Gillies had an active military career, serving in the UK before spending five years in Northern Ireland, Germany, in the Middle East for Operation Desert Storm and Kenya. But it was in the Falkland Islands that Pipe Major Gillies made a special mark. His piping maintained morale and he was, famously, photographed playing his pipes in a barren landscape to a flock of penguins.

The St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida is proud that their own Pipe Major, **Joe Ashcraft** had the opportunity to meet Alasdair on a couple of occasions, and was moved to strive for excellence.

Joe reminisces: *"He gave a solo performance that was transfixing. It was a commanding presence and natural musicality. Two copies of a photo taken that day were mounted high on opposite walls of my practice room - to keep my head up and inspire my best playing as I marched back and forth. (Marching during a 2/4 march competition is required.) Another copy of the photo is on the visor of my truck."*



I saw another of Alasdair's performances as a competitor at one of the Stone Mountain Highland Games Invitational Piobaireachd

Competitions. The next day, he judged one of my 2/4 marches at the same games and I vividly remember his reaction to the title of my selection. Alasdair was known for having a very large repertoire of music. I chose Hamish Moore's tune "Dungarth Castle" and Alasdair had never heard of it. I got some well deserved critiques of my play-

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ancestors, Knowing the historical context often plays a key role in understanding why certain life decisions were made. We will discuss the 10 main steps involved in successful research.

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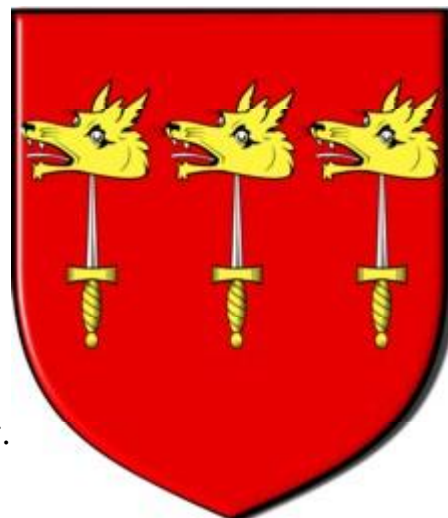
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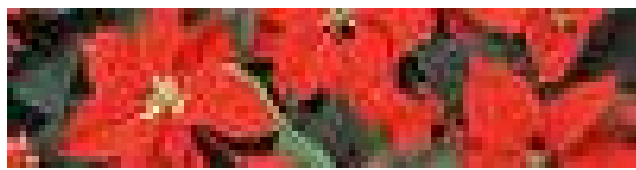


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 missioner Emeritus. She also ably assisted her husband Wes as the co-manager of Central Ordering. She was a founding board member of the Foxburg, PA Scottish Festival overseeing the clans and vendors.

In 2002, Alistair MacDonald of Glencoe purchased the last of the MacDonald lands in Glencoe. He immediately set up the Glencoe Heritage Trust, Ltd. to save the land for future generations. The traditional burial ground of the MacDonalds lies on part of the property. A direct descendant of the Glencoe MacLans, Kathie was responsible for ensuring donations to the Glencoe Heritage Trust may be made through the Clan Donald Foundation.

She compiled the recipes for the new A Taste of Glencoe cookbook to raise funds for The Glencoe Heritage Trust.

Her untimely passing has left a void in Clan Donald and the Scottish community, which will not be soon filled.



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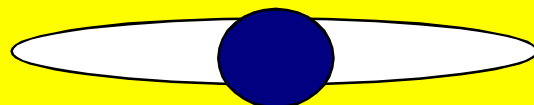
ing and I still have the score sheet in my music storage.

Skye K. Richendrfer also writes: "Having had Alasdair into my home a couple of times, I often felt like a star-struck child in the presence of true musical genius. The subtlety and nu-ance of his phrasing just comes from such a different place, and all done with immaculate precision. Once when we were sitting around the kitchen table after a meal, I asked him if we might just play a couple tunes together. I told him I didn't want to have him give me a lesson or critique, but rather just the chance to play some music with him. Talk about raising your game a level (or ten!)!"

More on Alasdair Gillies:
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Highland Park 50

The Transcendent Island Single Malt

In 1960, the world reacted to the U-2 spy plane debacle, Alfred Hitchcock's thriller *Psycho*, and the election of John Kennedy as President of the United States.

In tiny Kirkwall, ten miles off the northern coast of Scotland on Orkney, the new make spirit that would become Highland Park 50 was laid down in five refill oak casks. Every single malt Scotch reflects the region of its birth, nurturing, and maturation, and nowhere

is this reflection more perfect than in Highland Park 50 year old. The sea, the land, the weather and the incredible quality of the light of the island are part and parcel of this once-in-a-lifetime whisky.

Everything about Highland Park 50 is superlative, from the extraordinary brilliant mahogany color, through the aromatic morphing of aged tobacco into fruity spiciness, to the culmination of a flavor reminiscent of mild molasses and nutmeg.

Adding a tiny amount of water releases the taste of orange peel, camphor and cloves. The finish is long, spicy, and slightly smoky.

Complementing the incomparable liquid is another jewel in the crown of Highland Park 50

its packaging. The elemental forces that are the essence of Orkney served as inspiration for Scottish jewelry designer Maeve Gillies. Her intricate design of sterling silver, evoking images of seaweed, appears to squeeze and protect



the bottle and its precious contents. The bottle rests inside a hand-carved Scottish oak box, which boldly features a small sterling silver porthole, through which to view the bottle. Maeve explains her design concept: "This bottle design is my tribute to the incredible natural beauty of Orkney and Highland Park. The design and crafting was made to look and feel in tune with ancient artifacts that define Orkney, and with every

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Wick malt named world's best whisky

A single malt distilled in one of Scotland's most remote distilleries has been named the world's best whisky by a leading expert.

Old Pulteney was crowned World Whisky of the Year in Jim Murray's 2012 Whisky Bible.

The 21-year-old single malt scored a record-equalling 97.5 points out of 100. The whisky is matured in American oak casks and bottled at the Pulteney distillery in Wick, Caithness.

Whisky expert Mr Murray tasted more than 1,200 new drams before deciding on the winner. He said: "The 21-year-old Old Pulteney absolutely exploded from the glass with vitality, charisma and class.

Pulteney doesn't have the financial muscle of the major whisky barons to market its malts on the global stage. I hope that this award helps one of Scotland's great unsung distilleries to become discovered around the world."

Pulteney has a chequered past in the Caithness town. New temperance laws saw the parish of Wick vote to end the public sale of alcohol in 1922, a ban that stayed in place for 25 years.

Faced with falling demand, Pulteney closed in 1930 - but reopened in 1951 after prohibition was overturned in a further vote. A Pulteney spokesman said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won this award. It is a



tribute to the traditional craftsmanship we have honed over the centuries and also to the unique character that the town lends to our whisky."

US bourbons took the two runners-up places in the Whisky Bible awards. George T Stagg was named second best while 10-year-old Parker's Heritage Collection Wheated Mash Bill picked up third.

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bottle being uniquely hand finished, each is very personal and dear to my heart. I hope people enjoy it for a lifetime, and beyond."

Highland Park 50 is limited to 275 bottles worldwide, with only five available in the United States this year. It has been bottled at 44.8% alcohol by volume and carries a suggested retail price (where available) at about \$17,500 per bottle.

New appointments for Clan Donald MidSouth

The following appointments have been made by the MidSouth Commissioner, Carlisle Simon: MidSouth Convener: **Sharon McGee**; MidSouth Aide-de-camp: **Miranda Summerall** and MidSouth Envoy: **Amy McGee**.

Appointed by Kentucky Commissioner, Bryan McGee: Kentucky Conveners: **James** and **Charitie Cook**

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What the reviews say about the ARTS Book:

“Accessible common sense meets uncommon expert guidance in *The Arts Book*. This book is a thorough, reliable, wise, inspiring, user-friendly distillation of the best the field of arts learning knows. Whitesitt and Franklin have created an essential foundation book that will take the national experiment in arts integration ahead a giant step. Buy it; trust it; wear out its pages.”
— Eric Booth

(Eric Booth is on the faculty at Julliard, the Lincoln Center Institute, and the Kennedy Center. He is a frequent keynote speaker and international arts consultant, the author of “*The Everyday Work of Art*,” and founding editor of the *Teaching Artist Journal*.)

“This book should be required reading for anyone wanting to start an arts integration program. Whitesitt and Franklin have clearly made the case for how alignment, rigor and teamwork lead to sustainability of quality school wide arts-integrated instruction. I will be recommending this book to all schools beginning the arts integration process and to all schools that have established programs and want to evaluate the impact of arts-integrated instruction

Photos above: left, Dr. Elda Franklin,
right, Dr. Linda Whitesitt



on the school community.” — John Ceschini

(John Ceschini is the Executive Director of Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance. He is the former principal of Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School, an Arts Integration Model School in Montgomery County, Maryland.)

The ARTS Book describes four factors that are essential in quality arts integration programs: alignment, rigor, teamwork and sustainability. Based on the authors’ evaluations of eight arts integration projects over the past seven years in which they conducted over 1000 structured classroom observations of arts integrated lessons, **The ARTS Book** is a step-by-step manual of how



to strengthen arts integration programs. Using an indispensable tool for project success — the logic model — the book shows how to construct a comprehensive logic model for an arts integration program that guarantees the inclusion of alignment, rigor, teamwork and sustainability. It describes in detail how to develop concrete indicators of success using process and outcome

objectives, evaluation questions, and performance measures. The book includes a number of checklists for rigor and teamwork to help program designers and coordinators monitor progress. It also leads the reader through the creation of a logic model for outreach and sustainability. Numerous examples are given throughout to aid in the planning, implementation, evaluation and dissemination of quality arts integration programs.

After using **The ARTS Book**, teachers, teaching artists and arts administrators will be able to design and implement a quality arts integration program noted for its sound underlying theory, quality curriculum and instruction, dynamic learning community, sustainability, and mea-

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surable impact on teacher practice and student learning.

About the Authors: Drs. Linda Whitesitt and Elda Franklin have worked together as RealVisions® arts integration evaluation and design team for seven years. They have carried out evaluations of a number of different arts integration and professional development programs, including initiatives supported by U.S. Department of Education Arts Education Model Development and Dissemination grants and Professional Development for Arts Educators grants. Their work has included the three-year evaluation of the Arts Integration in Model Schools Program (Montgomery County, MD), cited in the recent report by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities *Reinvesting in Arts Education: Winning America's Future through Creative Schools*.

Dr. Linda Whitesitt, Director of Research and Evaluation for *RealVisions*, brings twenty-five years of teaching experience in K-12 and post-secondary education to her work in arts integration evaluation and program design. She has led undergraduate and graduate classes at Queens University (Charlotte), Winthrop University and Radford University, and served as a middle school and high school orchestra director in schools in North Carolina and Maryland. Her work includes developing and coordinating string training programs and teaching as an artist-in-residence in the greater Miami area. A published musicologist on American music and women patrons of music, Whitesitt holds degrees in music performance and music history and literature from the Peabody Conservatory and the University of Maryland. Whitesitt has served as a member of a National Endowment for the Arts grant review panel and an evaluator for Young Audiences, Inc. She helped form the South Carolina Curriculum Leadership Institute in the Arts and founded community arts organizations and arts celebrations in Charlotte, Rock Hill, and Berkeley Springs, WV. A professional violinist and amateur hammered dulcimer player, she has performed in orchestras and chamber ensembles in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. She and her husband, Dr. Bennett Lentzner, retired president of New World School of the Arts in Miami and professional trumpet player, live in Berkeley Springs, WV.

Dr. Elda Franklin, Principal Consultant for *RealVisions*, is Professor Emerita of Music at Winthrop University and recipient of the Distinguished Professor award from that institution in 1993. She holds degrees in music performance and music education from Florida State University and the University of North Carolina

at Greensboro. Active as a professional violist and a former member of the Charlotte Symphony, Franklin performs regularly with orchestras and other groups in the Charlotte area. From 1999 until 2009, she was assessment and evaluation consultant for the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Education Institute in Charlotte, where she was responsible for annual evaluations of the arts-integrated programs at each of the five Blumenthal Partner Schools, and assisted in the training of teaching artists. During that same period she also worked with the Education Department of the Charlotte Symphony to help design and implement arts integrated programs for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Franklin has presented at national and international conferences in the arts, including the Arts Schools Network, the Kennedy Center Partnerships in Education, the North Carolina Conference on the Arts, and the South Carolina Alliance for Arts Education. Her publications include numerous articles in national and international journals on music education and arts assessment, including assessment of teaching artists.

She and her husband, Dr. David Franklin, retired Dean of Visual and Performing Arts at Winthrop University and an active saxophonist and jazz journalist, divide their time between homes in Rock Hill, SC and Beech Mountain, NC.

The ARTS Book will be available beginning the week of November 14th. To order, click on the following link: [The ARTS Book](#)

And now, the rest of the story!

Dr. Elda Franklin, Ed.D., is married to my long-time, life-long sweet and beloved friend, Dave Franklin.

Dave played saxophone at John Gorrie Jr. High School in Jacksonville, Florida and in the band/orchestra at Robert E. Lee High School, just a few miles from John Gorrie.

I was learning to play the French horn by playing trumpet those days and years...when Dave, Mike Greene, Billy King and a whole bunch of us kids played in the band together and played otherwise together too. We began real friendships that have lasted til now.

I've always been so proud of Dave and his beautiful wife, Elda! Congratulations, Elda!

The 2011 St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee New Members Reception



Dr. James Wilkie, *continued from page 1*

ing the Austrian Foreign Policy Yearbook for 16 years, and his previous 15 years as editor of the government's foreign affairs magazine *Austria Today*, as well as numerous special assignments, many of them still highly confidential, on behalf of the Republic.

Dr James Wilkie was born in Glasgow and brought up in Clydebank, Helensburgh, Garelochhead and Clynder. After working in local government for a time (libraries, youth and community and probation work), he studied at Strathclyde University and Jordanhill College before entering the teaching profession.

He was simultaneously active in the Boys' Brigade, becoming vice-president and secretary of the Clydebank and District BB Battalion.

He maintained a life-long love of mountaineering and sailing which eventually led to his climbing all of Scotland's Munros as well as doing spectacular ascents in the High Alps. This was put to good use in his 11 years as administrator of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, when he conducted all the silver and gold expedition tests personally.

A later climbing companion was Professor Malcolm Slessor, with whom he often sailed off the west coast. As holiday crew on a fishing boat he got as far as St. Kilda and other remote islands.

His mother's family contacts with the famous medical school of Vienna University, and also his wife's connections there, led him to accept an offer in 1968 to study for a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Vienna, his chosen subject being constitutional history.

One of his seminar leaders at the university in 1970 was the newly elected Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Bruno Kreisky. That led to a friendship between the statesman and his Scottish student. Bruno later had Wilkie undertake recurring work for the Chancellery and the Foreign Ministry, where Jim's bilingual skills in English and German were helpful in preparing diplomatically sensitive policy statements and speeches.

After receiving his doctorate Jim Wilkie returned to Scotland. He taught history at Allan Glen's School in Glasgow and Camphill High in Paisley as well as resuming his outdoor and mountain leadership activities.

But opportunities were opening up for him in Austria and he returned there to undertake teaching and writing assignments.

Dr Wilkie worked in broadcasting in Vienna in 1977 and assisted in some secondary schools, including residential skiing courses in the Alps.

In 1980 he was invited to become editor of the country's diplomatic journal *Austria Today*, which was published in English, French and German editions, and which involved numerous special assignments for Chancellor Kreisky personally.

That work, based in the Hofburg palace, was to continue for 15 years, in three languages daily, despite his congenital deafness that eventually made classroom work impossible.

Austria Today published quality articles and papers on the country's progress in science, industry, the arts, and diplomatic

affairs, and circulated among the top people in 144 countries.

His special assignments included a fire brigade's action to assist the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, after an espionage affair had caused considerable damage there.

He wrote IIASA's 1985 and 1986 annual scientific reports, and remains a member of the worldwide IIASA Society.

He also, at Kreisky's request, assisted the Palme Commission on Disarmament, the forerunner of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), now Europe's largest political institution.

In 1988 Dr Wilkie, at the request of Foreign Minister Alois Mock, founded the Austrian Foreign Policy Yearbook, the official statement of foreign policy, based on the Foreign Ministry's departmental

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papers, which he continued to edit for 16 years.

As editor of those journals Dr Wilkie attended many international conferences on security and regional cooperation, including EU and Council of Europe summits.

James Wilkie however, maintained his love for Scotland, to which he regularly commutes to engage in sailing and mountaineering as well as visiting family and friends. He was elected a member of both the Scottish Mountaineering Club (SMC) and the prestigious Austrian Alpine Club (Österreichischer Alpenklub), which is twinned with the SMC, amongst many others.

Having studied piano at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, he also became a member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

From 1973 to the present he has been a regular contributor to the *Scotsman* letters pages, and more recently to its Internet web pages.

A growing interest in politics led to membership of the Scotland UN Committee and to attending United Nations meetings on their behalf.

In cooperation with S-UN secretary John McGill of Kilmarnock he drafted the documentation for the Council of Europe that led to the restoration of the Scottish Parliament.

With the devolution programme completed, he was asked to accept the position of Chairman of the Scottish Democratic Alliance (SDA), which researches the future governance, defence and other policies of an independent Scotland. He is particularly active on EU fisheries policy in cooperation with the Scottish fishermen's representatives.

Dr Wilkie was able to bring his Austrian and Scottish interests together in a project financed by Austria to make exact facsimile reproductions of a remarkable Scottish document, the *Book of Hours* of King

James IV. It had been produced in 1503, but was lost to Scotland after the death of James IV at Flodden.

His widow, Margaret Tudor, passed it on to her sister Mary Tudor, who may have taken it to France.

The Book of Hours then re-surfaced in the Habsburg collection in Vienna during the 17th century, and is now in the Austrian National Library.

The new reproductions were a project by ADEVA, the Academic Printing and Publishing Institute of Graz.

700 copies were printed, containing the meticulously reproduced 480 full colour folio pages of this invaluable component of Scotland's heritage.

Dr. Wilkie contributed the learned article on the historical background for the accompanying volume.

In its content, the *Book of Hours* of James IV resembles a medieval prayer book and calendar of religious feast days. It has magnificent colour and gold leaf decorated pages with intricate designs and reproductions of Biblical symbols, including the famous portrait of James himself wearing the pre-1540 Crown of Scotland, and the funeral of his father, James III.

King James is believed to have financed its publication himself to commemorate his marriage to Margaret Tudor, a daughter of King Henry VII of England, who is also depicted in the book. Jim Wilkie went on to compile the official book on the Kaiservilla palace at Bad Ischl, the summer capital of the Habsburg Monarchy.

He is a close friend of the Habsburg family, with whom he regularly stays in Ischl.

His son, Dr. Alexander Wilkie, is godfather to the Habsburg heir, Archduke Valentin.

In recent years Dr Wilkie has undertaken work for the United Nations UNIDO and UNOOSA organisations, and still retains his UN pass.

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For UNIDO he assisted the preparation of environmentally beneficial development projects in 8 African and 5 SE Asian countries.

Under the auspices of UNOOSA, the UN Office on Outer Space Affairs, he helped compile and edit satellite surveys of the world's freshwater resources, its mega-cities, and the European woodlands, amongst others.

There was also a comprehensive satellite survey of Saudi Arabia, an archeological survey of Syria, etc.

On the strength of his Scottish teaching qualification he edited the world's first initial training scheme for space technologists in cooperation with the Geospace organisation and the European Space Agency.

The rare award of the magnificent Cross of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic, the highest order in the Ritterkreuz class, is a quite remarkable honour for a Scot.

James Wilkie is married to an Austrian, Claudia, whom he met some 40 years ago when she was a teacher in Bearsden Academy, and he has contributed significantly to Austria's image and policies through his numerous publications as well as through his work with OPEC and with United Nations agencies in Vienna. He well deserves the honour.

As a reciprocal, he has worked quietly behind the scenes to obtain cooperation in and understanding of Scottish affairs, from the Republic of Austria and from other states in Europe and Scandinavia, whose representatives he meets through the Foreign Policy Association in Vienna. In an astonishing career, for which the word unique borders on understatement, he has pioneered Scotland's way back to Europe as a chapter in its long history closes and a new one opens.

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The roots of Hogmanay perhaps reach back to the celebration of the winter solstice among the Norse, as well as incorporating customs from the Gaelic New Year's celebration of Samhain.

There are many customs, both national and local, associated with Hogmanay. The most widespread national custom in Scotland is the practice of 'first-footing' which starts immediately after midnight, New Year's Eve.

First-footing involves being the first person to cross the threshold of a friend or neighbor and often involves the giving of symbolic gifts such as salt, coal, shortbread, whisky and black bun (a rich fruit cake) intended to bring different kinds of luck to the household.

Food and drink are often given to the guests.

This may go on throughout the early hours of morning and well into the next day and in modern times, people visit as 'first-footers' well into mid January.

The first-foot is supposed to set the luck for the household for the rest of the year.

Traditionally, tall, dark men are preferred as the first-foot.

With thanks to The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit newsletter, *The Highland Fling*.



You're invited to submit a program article for Glasgow Highland Games

The Glasgow Highland Games invites you to experience Scottish hospitality Southern style at their 27th Anniversary Highland Games, June 1st through June 3rd, 2012. We are always the weekend after Memorial Day. There are wonderful activities for children including a tug of war challenge with Clan Wallace members. Surprisingly, the children always win and each one receives a medal to commemorate their victory!

This year will include The Raising of the Clans ceremony. This is an ancient ceremony used to bring the Clans to battle. This Raising will show the immense pride we all feel for our Clans. It promises to be a moving experience for both participant as well as spectator. Each Clan will present themselves to the Chief announcing their participation at The Glasgow Highland Games 2012! So let us light the night skies of Barren River Lake State Resort Park with our torches and our pride.

As in previous years, you are invites to submit an article for the souvenir program. This year the article subject is *Three Generations*. This article can be one paragraph or one page so get your creative juices flowing and share your stories, pictures, recipes pertaining to your family traditions with the guests. Our newest program addition is a section called *For Our Lads and Lassies*. These articles or drawings will be from and for the younger guests 17 and under. If your child, grandchild, neighbor, cousin, niece, nephew or whomever has a submission for the program, the Glasgow Highland Games will be very proud to publish it. You may also submit anything you feel would be interesting to this age group. If you would like to include a picture with your article, feel free. They print as many articles and photos as room allows. The deadline for submission is March 31st, 2012.

There are two fields of activities, St. Andrew's and Strathbarren. There are two entertainment pavilions featuring premier entertainers from Scotland, Canada and the United States. Concert ticket discounts are offered on advanced purchases. Parking is free plus a shuttle is provided from all parking areas. There is camping directly across from St. Andrew's field.

The Glasgow Highland Games are just 35 minutes from Mammoth Cave, the largest known cave system in the world! The Glasgow Highland Games office is open year round for your convenience. Please feel free to call anytime at (270) 651-3141 or visit their website at www.glasgowhighlandgames.com.

