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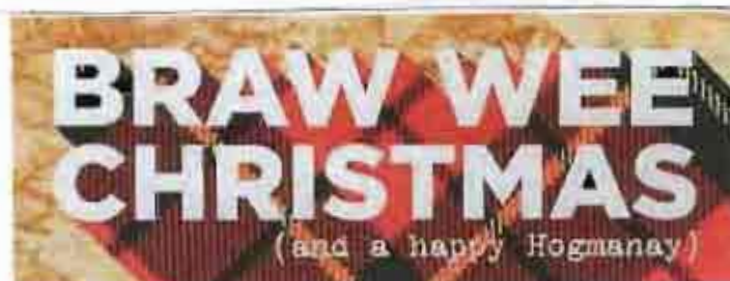


McMillan and Associates  
took photos of the  
**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Stone Mountain  
Highland Games**

and they begin on page 20 of this  
publication!

Thank you McMillan and Associates!

Beth edited their very nice pictures.



## Edinburgh author wins Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2022!

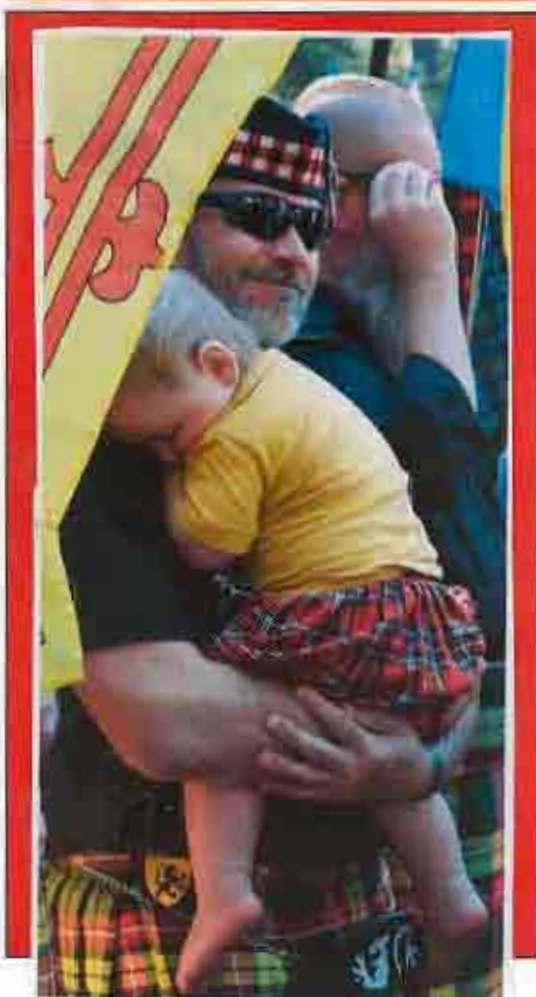
**THE SCOTSMAN** Gary Flockhart

Highly-acclaimed Capital author says "it's an honour" to win the prestigious annual book award.

The Fair Botanists, by Edinburgh-based novelist, Sara Sheridan, has been announced as Waterstones Scottish Book of the year 2022.

Suffused with the heady aroma of Enlightenment, Edinburgh, the acclaimed author's vibrant historical novel centers on the city's enticing Royal Botanic Gardens and on two fascinating women who are drawn there when a rare plant looks set to flower - an event that only occurs once every few decades.

Sheridan is a novelist and activist based in the Capital and has been named one of the Saltire Society's 365 most influential Scottish women past and present.



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since 2007

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the first of the next month.

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**Alastair, Tom and Beth**

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An a Guid New Year

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Here in Bonnnie Scotty-Land



## A letter from your editor...

# OF CEILIDHS AND PIGGY BACKS

Yes, it does seem as if the Scottish community is awaking from "a long winter's nap."

Do you remember when most all of the Scottish Clan organizations had some kind of event very often?

Do you remember when we all took having a wonderful time with our fellow clansmen and clanswomen for granted?

I've had several friends say that they are having trouble figuring out things to do with members of their clans or St. Andrews Societies or other Scottish groups.

They say it's almost like everyone has forgotten what joy used to be found just among "us."

There are a couple of things that I can suggest that don't cost much and are great fun.

Long ago we used to have a **real** Ceilidh the first night of Scottish Weekend in Moultrie, Georgia. We did this for about 17 years.

**A real Ceilidh is NOT a concert.** It is everyone present taking part with a joke, a poem, a song, the playing of an instrument - anything that is fun.

We had one darling lady who had celebrated many, many birthdays and who had the silkiest white hair. She lived in a retirement home in Moultrie but she was the most faithful of almost anyone else at our Friday night fun every single year. She would laugh so hard and have such a good time she was a joy to watch.

Ceilidhs don't need much structure, but they do need some thought and planning.

I used to be sure and warn all of our Scottish Weekend participants ahead of time that they were invited to participate in our Ceilidh so they could bring their musical instruments and dancing shoes or whatever props they needed.

We used to have at least three professional entertainers and I used to tell them, "Give us your best and funniest short program and you all have fun amongst

yourselves, too! Professional entertainers playing together are an absolute hoot.

Ceilidh's need to be organized so that your program "flows" and doesn't have all the songs together or all of the jokes together. It's pretty easy to figure out what the best order of performance is.

If you can get my dear friend, wonderful entertainer, Carl Peterson, to come to your Ceilidh, I'll come too. At the very last Scottish Weekend, Carl and I performed the, "Raspberry, Squawk and Whistle song." (Does anyone know how to spell the real name of that song?) Carl and I were laughing so hard, but I remember seeing the King of the Kingdom of Raknar falling on the floor laughing. (I had learned the song when I had to be in the hospital overnight being tested for something or another. It's a wonder I was not committed right then and there.)

I'll bet you can find someone who witnessed that event as there were about 350 folks there. Talk about fun!

If you wish to work up to a Ceilidh, just Piggy Back with other events. If you can't find anything else to do, have a Scottish Movie Night at your house along with BBQ chicken quarters (These used to be inexpensive.) and goodies brought by everyone.


Anything that happens that is the least bit Scottish is excuse enough for everyone to dress up in your Scottish finery and go out on the town together.

A Scottish group performing, a movie in the theater, some kind of competition. Wouldn't it be fun to put on an event and gather a bunch of Highland Dancers to entertain - and maybe even teach a step or two?

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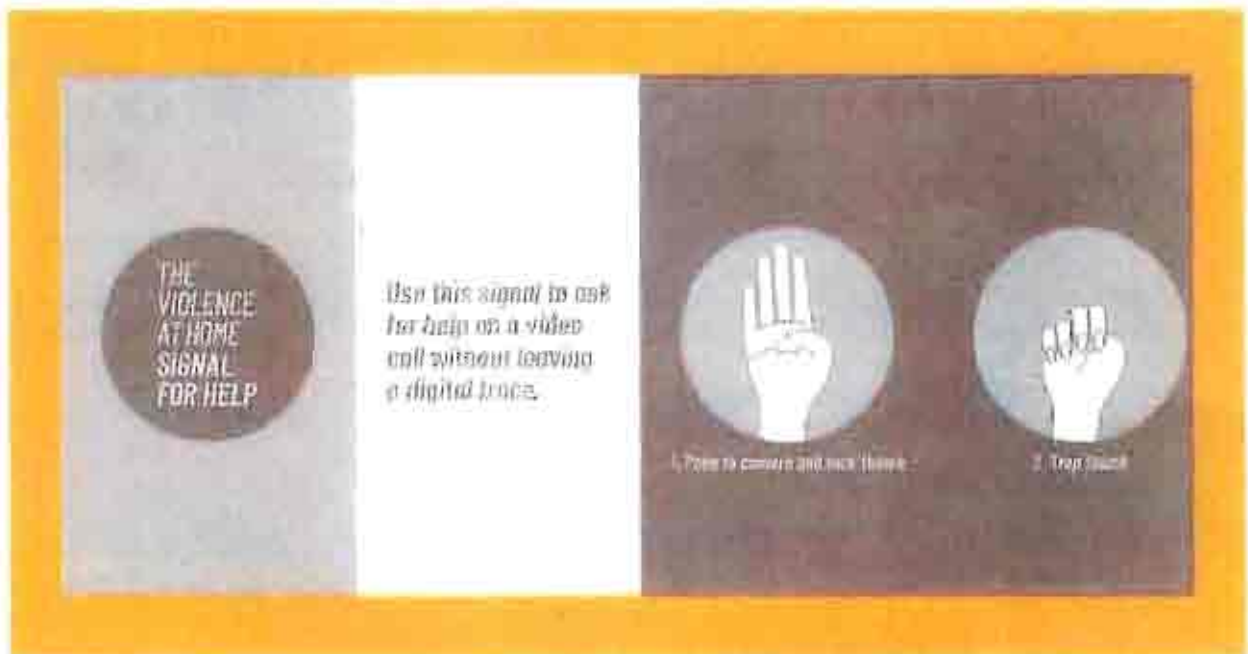
If you haven't donated yet, would you help move us toward our goal? No matter the size, every gift makes a difference.

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*With many thanks to Steve Kelley*

# Painted people: Discoveries shed fascinating new light on ancient Pictish ancestors of Scotland

SUNDAY POST Laura Smith

They were the so-called “painted people” and scourge of the Roman Empire who ruled Scotland over 2,000 years ago. However, it is only in the last 10 that archaeologists have understood the Picts.

Far from the semi-naked, tattooed, barbaric warrior tribes described by the Romans, leading experts now believe the Picts were sophisticated, traded with Europe, lived in large settlements and eventually laid the foundations for the kingdom of Alba and, eventually, Scotland.

For years, the only historical evidence of the people who lived across northern Scotland from 300AD to 900AD were carved Pictish standing stones and a list of kings.

Now, with every pottery sherd, metal pin or bone fragment unearthed, a team of archaeologists led by the University of Aberdeen’s Gordon Noble are slowly piecing together how the Picts lived and ruled across Scotland.

“There is very limited historical information on the Picts so anything new that we find has come from the ground but one of the big mysteries has been the lack of archaeological sites from that period,” he said.

The Northern Picts project, led by Noble, has investigated a series of Pictish sites in northern Scotland most recently at Burghead on the Moray coast and Dunnicaer near Dunnottar Castle.

Yet it was starting at Rhynie, near Aberdeen, in 2011 that led to their first big breakthrough. A number of Pictish stones found around Rhynie village, including the standing *Craw Stane* and the famous *Rhynie*

Man stone carved with a bearded man wielding an axe unearthed by a farmer in 1978, suggested the area was significant to the Picts. It turned out to be a royal epicentre that revealed the sophistication and scale of early Pictish society.

“The name Rhynie comes from an early Celtic word ‘rig’ for ‘king’ but it was only when we began excavating we found it was an extremely high status site for the time period of the 4th to 6th Century,” said Noble.

“We found materials suggesting elite status, such as very unusual imports from the Mediterranean, elite glass and pottery vessels and fine metalwork being produced at the site. At sites like Rhynie and Burghead, we found bronze and silver pins and brooches that also conferred wealth and status. These were made on-site, suggesting these were economic centres as well as power centres.”

He added: “We found sherds of pottery from amphora (vessels used primarily for storing wine), from the Mediterranean in the 5th and 6th Century, which were also found in other royal centres in Ireland and Britain. This suggests the Picts were well-connected over great distances and interacted with a much wider society.”

The later discovery of the hill fort *Tap O’ North* cemented the idea that the area was a large power base during the 4th to 6th Century. “The discovery of *Tap O’ North*, a large hill fort of the same period over-



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looking Rhynie, also suggests the scale of the Pictish society and what they were able to build," added Noble. "It had 800 house platforms and is the second-largest hill fort in Scotland.

"There were probably many power centres in that period but Rhynie seems to be important as there are several high-status sites in that valley that could form one community."

Another indicator to the wealth of the Picts is the St Ninian's Isle treasure, discovered in Shetland in 1958, which included 28 silver and silver-gilt objects including brooches, feasting bowls and sword hilts. The items date to the 8<sup>th</sup> Century, suggesting they are Pictish, made in north-east Scotland, and may have been the accumulated wealth of a high-status family. Noble's new book, *Picts: Scourge*

*Of Rome, Rulers Of The North*, written with historian Nicholas Evans, who has researched Pictland through the University of Aberdeen's Comparative Kingship project, explains how archaeology is helping paint a more accurate picture.

"As far as we know, the extent of the kingdom stretches all the way from modern day Fife up to the Shetland Isles and across the Western Isles, so it was a very extensive kingdom, which in itself was quite unusual for the time period," he said.

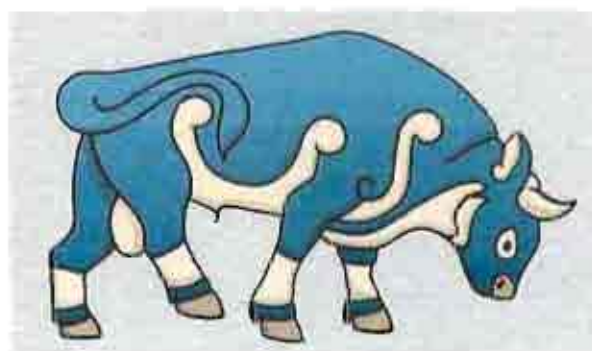
"We're now trying to identify more sites over that time period across Scotland, extending into Fife and Perthshire, which would have been home to southern Picts, to get a wider view of Pictish society."

Further finds have also shed light on the significance of the enigmatic Pictish carved stones, 200 of which have been found across eastern and northern Scotland.

"At Rhynie we're finding objects in the ground that look like the symbols or carvings you see on the Pictish stones," said Noble.

"There are metalworking moulds for making little animal figurines that look just like the animals you see carved on the stones. We also found a little miniature axe pin for attaching clothing, that looks just like the axe that the Rhynie Man carries. It's bringing the world of the Pictish stones to life, which is exciting."

Pictish stones found across Scotland bear symbols depicting animals, people and warriors, or gods, sometimes mounted on horseback, objects like mirrors and combs, hammers, tongs and anvils and other abstract symbols.



Noble added: "Later stones have people carved on them next to symbols, suggesting it says something about that person, whether it's their rank, or their name. You often get symbols in pairs that seem to work together."

The name Picts comes from the Latin word *picti*, which means "painted," since

it's believed from Roman sources that the Picts were either tattooed or painted their bodies for battle, yet there is no evidence this was the case.

However, Pictish imagery and unearthed fabric hints to how the Picts, who spoke Brittonic and initially worshipped Pagan gods before the introduction of Christianity in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, dressed and lived. "We've found beautiful bone pins and bone combs at Burghead, leather shoes from Dundurn Hill Fort in Perthshire and a woollen shawl found in a bog on Orkney," said Noble.

"Detailed carvings on the Pictish stones also show how people dressed in tunics with brooches and shoes and also the animals they kept, horses they rode and weaponry they used."

Finds at Dunnicaer, a towering sea stack south of Aberdeen where a series of Pictish stones were found in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and other hill forts confirm Pictish clashes with the Romans.

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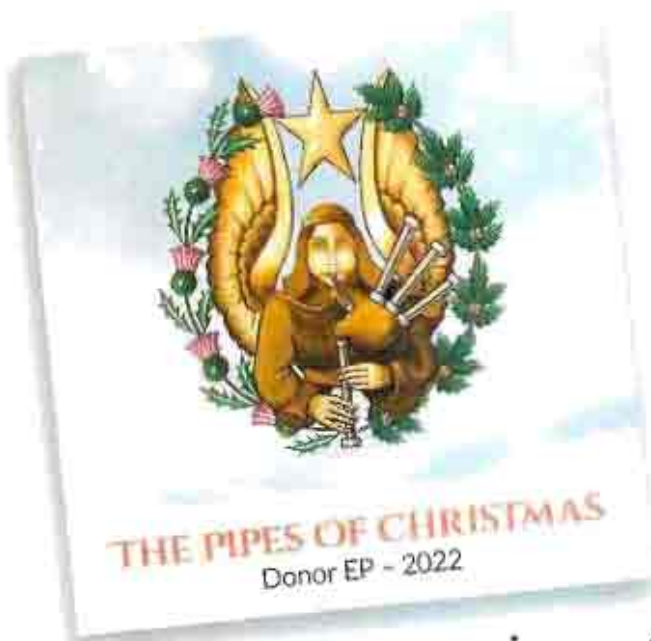


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## Pictish People, *continued from page 9*

"Places like Tap O' North and Dunnicaer, which date third and fourth centuries have lots of Roman finds, whether that was booty from raiding or bribes from the Romans to buy off the natives to not cause havoc," said Noble.

"The Picts resisted the Romans and even launched major attacks in Roman-occupied areas south of Pictland. They were a noted enemy of Rome in various Imperial sources, which gave them their Picti, painted people in Latin, nickname, which stuck."

Unlike the Vikings, the Picts seem to have made less fanfare when burying their dead. Few objects have been found in Pictish graves, but Noble says the people marked their burials with barrows, raised mounds of soil or stone cairns, and later larger cists, a stone-built coffin-like box. Cairns could signify important burials, and female remains buried in such a way might also suggest women had some important standing within Pictish communities.

"We're lacking historical sources we have uncovered a lot of female burials, which certainly suggests they had some status in society and, presumably, they were taking up some sort of leadership roles," said Noble.

One of the big mysteries of the Picts is that they seem to vanish around 900AD, coinciding with the arrival of the Vikings. Yet, rather than being wiped out by Norse armies, Noble suggests the Picts' disappearance was more nuanced and gradual as they assimilated into a new culture and power structures.

He said: "The Romans first mention them in the late third century and then they go on to become the most powerful kingdoms of Northern Britain. But in the 9th Century, early 10th they disappear from historical sources when they seem to merge with the Scots to create the Gaelic kingdom of Alba, essentially the forerunner of the kingdom of Scotland.

"The real political focus of Alba is in the Pictish territories, particularly Fife, Perthshire and Angus,

which was the southern Pictish kingdom and cultural centre. It's essentially the same polity with new leaders, so the Pictish kingdom essentially laid the foundations of Alba and later, Scotland, so they're responsible for that process of nation building."

Noble is determined to keep digging for more information.

He said: "One of the mysterious elements of the Picts has been the lack of archaeological sites. We've had success targeting sites where there are symbol stones, like Rhynie and Dunnicaer. Others have been pure luck, like Tap O' North, which was looking at other potential sites in the landscape near Rhynie.

"We didn't think it would be from the same date so it was a huge surprise when carbon dating placed the fort in the Pictish period.

"We know the Picts lived across a large area of Northern Scotland so, through the Northern Picts project, we just

need to keep trying to find new sites to dig into that time period and investigate on a big scale and understand more."







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# A message from the Commander of Clan MacEwen



"If all goes according to plan, in June 2024 Clan MacEwen will have a Chief, for the first time since the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

As Commander of the Clan I am required to seek out anyone who claims descent from our last Chief, Swene MacEwen (Swene was long considered to have died in the 1490s but his last

certain communication - when he was in dire straits - was in 1433; his death probably occurred not long after that.)

While it is surely unlikely that anyone will come forward with proof of descent, it is possible that someone considers him or herself a more suitable candidate for Chief, we ask them will they make themselves known to the Clan MacEwen Society as soon as possible so that we can get everything sorted before June 2024. That day should be one of the greatest days in the history of our wonderful, worldwide, talent-packed and in every way remarkable Clan, Clan MacEwen. We are 'The Clan That Plants Trees', REVIRESCO!"

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As of 2020, members of the Clan MacEwen Society, UK have elected a Commander, Sir John R.H McEwen, 5th Baronet of Marchmont and Bardrochat, who is in line to become the first Chief since the death of Swene MacEwen, in 1493. Sir John the 5th inherits his Baronet title from his grandfather, Sir John McEwen, 1st Baronet, for whom the modern McEwen Baronet title was created by the Queen of the United Kingdom in 1953.



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## Turnbull Clan celebrates their AGM at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stone Mountain Highland Games

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Brittany Turnbull

The weather was perfect! Cold enough for a hot chocolate and a Scotch Egg for breakfast and warm in the afternoon for Fish and Chips and Scotch whisky (Thanks to the sponsor Dewar's).

The Turnbull Clan Association celebrated Scottish Heritage at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Stone Mountain Highland games

and conducted a virtual AGM for 2022!

During the festivities, we were able to announce our first two TCA scholarships to Miss Vivian Turnbull (pursuing a college double major) and Miss Lilly Trimble (pursuing Highland

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# The Clan Macneil Association of America

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James Nethery, the Seanchaidh

During the memorial services recently held in Edinburgh following Her Majesty, the Queen's death you may have noticed some men in dark green uniforms holding long bows and with arrows on their backs. These gentlemen function as the Sovereign's Body Guard while in Scotland and are historically known as The Royal Company of Archers. His Grace, James Graham, the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose, has been a member of the Company since 1986, and served as their Captain-General from 2006 to 2014. James Gra-

**Clan Turnbull AGM**, *continued from page 15*  
Dance).

Clan AGM held at Stone Mountain Highland games. Lilly as a competitor was highly praised as the 2nd place winner in overall dance competitions!

We were also pleased to announce our TCA Clan Member of the Year, Katherine Turnbull, for her invaluable and continued efforts to support the TCA DNA project, tent hosting, and other events, while she shares Turnbull History around the globe. Our congratulations to those ladies!

We were also elated to cheer on our very own Luke Trimble competing in the Clan Challenge clad in gorgeous Dress Tartan! Luke won 2nd overall in a myriad of challenges; Caber Toss, Weight Throw, Stone Throw, and Sheaf Toss!

He competed in the "Clan Challenge Amateur under 18". Though there were many times of peace, there was one time at war! Clan Turnbull teamed up with Clan Irwin to retrieve the coveted 'Stuffed Unicorn' for the '12 Clan Unicorn Challenge' to defend against Clan Montgomery.

We want to thank all our many visitors, and our tent hosts, Walter and Brittany Turnbull, as well as Darin and Jill Trimble. Collectively TCA received donations of \$1200.00 USD.

Lilly Trimble, the first of two new recipients is presented with her TCA Scholarship.



**Tartan Uniform, probably worn by Stuart Threipland of Fingast, worn by members of the Royal Company of Archers.**

ham, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Montrose also served as their Captain-General from 1824-1830. In 1766 William Graham, Esq. of Gartmore won the Edinburgh Arrow prize and the following year he won the Silver Bowl trophy which was invariably shot for at 180 yards. "It is one of the handsomest prizes that can be gained, adorned as it is by a host of valuable badges; it has not unfrequently stood in good stead as a "christening bowl" for the infant offspring of the Royal Archers. Its value is now estimated at about £2000." (1875 value)

The Royal Company of Archers was founded in 1676 and was originally established as a private members' club called the Edinburgh Archers. Each year

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## The Royal Company of Archers, *continued from page 17*

since 1713 the Royal Company of Archers have shot for the Musselburgh Silver Arrow. However, the existing trophy is a replacement for the Musselburgh Small Arrow which is known to have been competed for as early as 1603. In 1704 Queen Anne granted them a Royal Charter which allowed them to form a paramilitary force under the historic dispensation of wapenschaw\* or 'weapon-showing'.

Following the Acts of Union in 1707 and then the accession of King George I, a Hanoverian in 1714, the Company was suspected by the government of being pro-Jacobite because of their all-tartan uniform. The fact that the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Wemyss, a Jacobite sympathiser, was Captain-General of the Company during the '45 did nothing to calm these fears. After the final defeat of the Jacobite cause at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the Royal Company of Archers was viewed with considerable suspicion.

For many years, its members conducted themselves with a great deal of caution. But towards the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, when the Jacobite threat had all but vanished, the atmosphere lightened. For example, in 1782 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Montrose procured the repeal of the Prohibitory Act of 1747, whereby the Highlanders obtained the restoration of their ancient tartan dress, which had been proscribed after the rebellion in 1746. The Royal Company subtly reconciled itself to the House of Hanover by adopting for its coat the green Government tartan, worn most famously by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Highland (Black Watch) Regiment.

This move meant that when, in 1822, King George IV became the first Hanoverian monarch to visit Scotland, the Royal Company claimed the right to act as his personal bodyguard, even though all its privileges had previously been conferred by a Stuart monarch. Their boldness paid off and the Royal Company's captain general at the time - John, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Hopetoun, a general who had served in the Peninsular War (1808-14) proved a persuasive advocate. George IV graciously accepted the Royal Company of Archers request to be his escort while in Edinburgh.

Ever since, the Royal Company has continued to perform this role during royal visits to Scotland. Its full title later became The King's Bodyguard for Scot-



**George Douglas, 16th Earl of Morton, K.T., (1716 - 1827) - in the dress of the Royal Company of Archers.**

land: Royal Company of Archers. From 1905 onwards, the names of its officers have appeared in the official 'Army List'.

Today, the Royal Company of Archers acts as the monarch's Bodyguard for Scotland, carrying out ceremonial duties at the annual garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse and attending outside St Giles' Cathedral during the installation of Knights of the Thistle, as well as continuing as an archery club. The Company has paraded for Queen Elizabeth II on more occasions than any other monarch since George IV, and has been involved in a number of major state events such as the Coronation, her Jubilees and the opening of the Scottish Parliament. Members of the Royal Company must be Scots or have strong Scottish connections. The affairs of the Royal Company are managed by a President and six counsellors, who are elected annually by the membership. The council is vested with the power of receiving or rejecting can-

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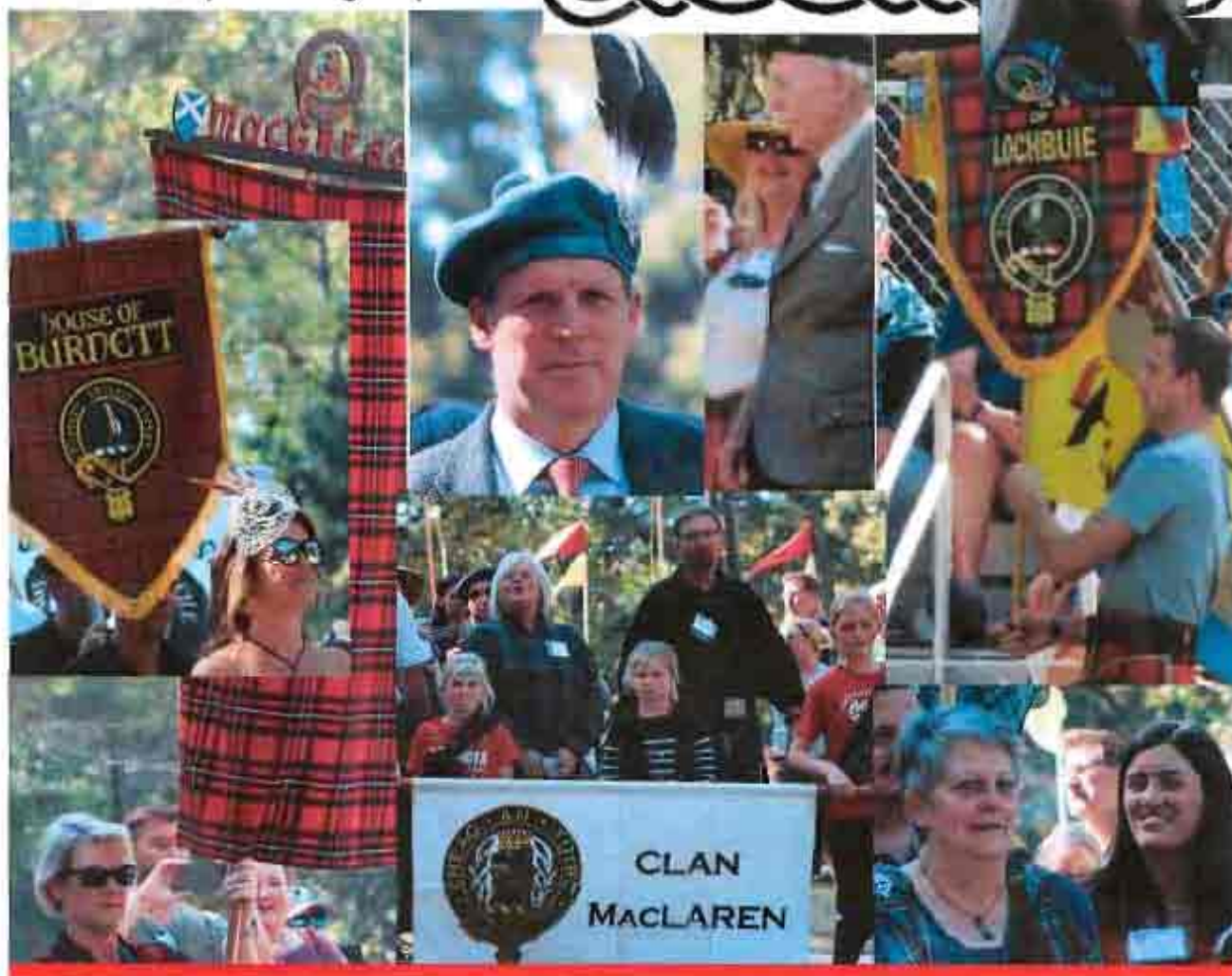




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Calderas can be much bigger than the one I photographed at Horta. This entire valley is the collapsed caldera of a much, much larger volcano which formed the island centuries ago.

## **DR. PETE HYLTON, ED.D.**

Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy  
Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology  
Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland  
Fullbright Scholar



Terceira is known as the purple island because of all of the brightly colored hydrangeas that you find all across the island.



The local roads reminded us a bit of back home in Caithness.



The largest town in the Azores is Ponta Delgada on the island of Sao Miguel. The town is almost uniform in the attractive white and brown coloring of its buildings. The third of these photos is of the traditional city gates which face the harbour and served as the traditional entry point for the town.



Ponta Delgado was also guarded by a fort from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Take a look at the thickness of those walls, designed to take the pounding of cannonade from approaching ships.



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**Chief John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk**





The cathedral is not particularly spectacular from the outside as seen in the photo below.



But inside is another story. The photo below is of the front of the church.



Located around the walls of the chapel are numerous ornately decorated alters. The one shown here is dedicated to the Holy Saints John, that is, Saint John the Evangelist and Saint John the Baptist.



Adjacent to the cathedral is the convent of Our Lady of Hope. It is a pilgrimage site due to its containing the Chapel of the Holy Christ of Miracles.



The wooden image of the Christ of the Miracles has been protected by the convent since the 17th century, and is only taken out once per year to be carried in procession during Easter celebrations. At other times it is securely locked behind a screen, and can only be visited when the chapel is open for one hour each day.

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We spent the better part of a day at the Jose do Canto Botanical Garden, marveling at the huge number of diverse plants. It feels as if you are wandering in tropical paradise.



The Moreton Bay Fig tree above is so huge, with such extravagant roots, that you can only grasp its size in comparison to Wendy standing near it. The next photo on the right is the rare paper-bark tree, whose bark peels off in paper-thin bits.



The Pohutukawa tree, shown below, grows such expansive branches that this one has to have steel posts embedded in the ground to support the weight of the branches.



After the Azores, we stopped in Madeira, which while still Portuguese, has a much different feel. It seemed much busier and we missed the slower pace and pleasant scenery of the Azores. But that was



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To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <[chrisarmys@gmail.com](mailto:chrisarmys@gmail.com)>. Ceud Mille Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



nothing compared to Lisbon, where we stopped briefly. Talk about feeling crushed by that big city feeling. After six years in Calthness, we just aren't much on big cities any more.



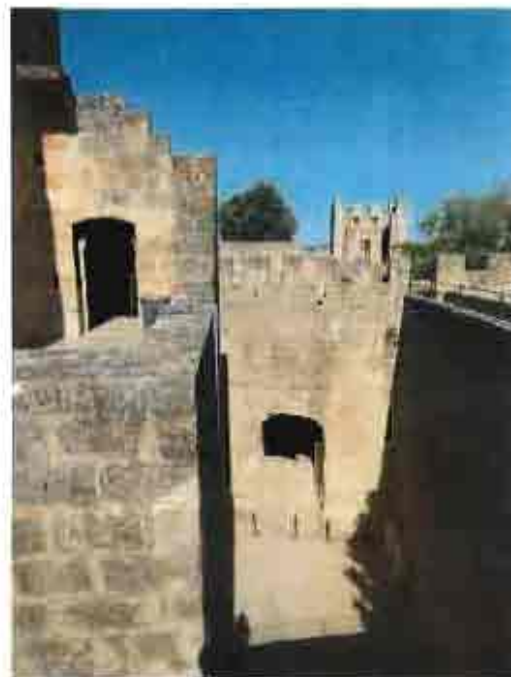
Still, there were some interesting things to see, like the city gates and central square.



The architecture was nice.



And I took a walk around the walls of the old castle which sits atop Lisbon's central hill. Moorish castles are much different in style than the Scottish castles that we are used to.



As usual, a few engineering aspects of the trip caught my interest. Such as Lisbon's bridge which is a copy of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. And the interesting interlocking concrete shapes used to build reinforced sea-breaks to protect the harbours.



And the most unusual open-air elevators built right in the middle of downtown Lisbon to carry

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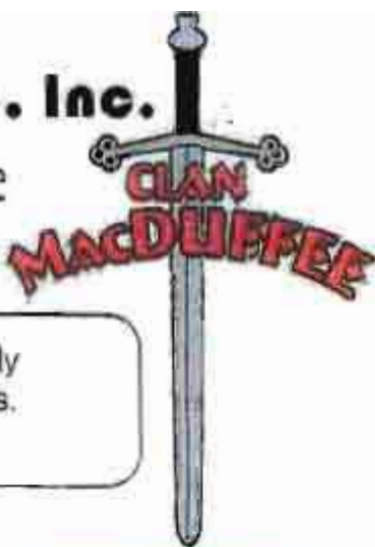
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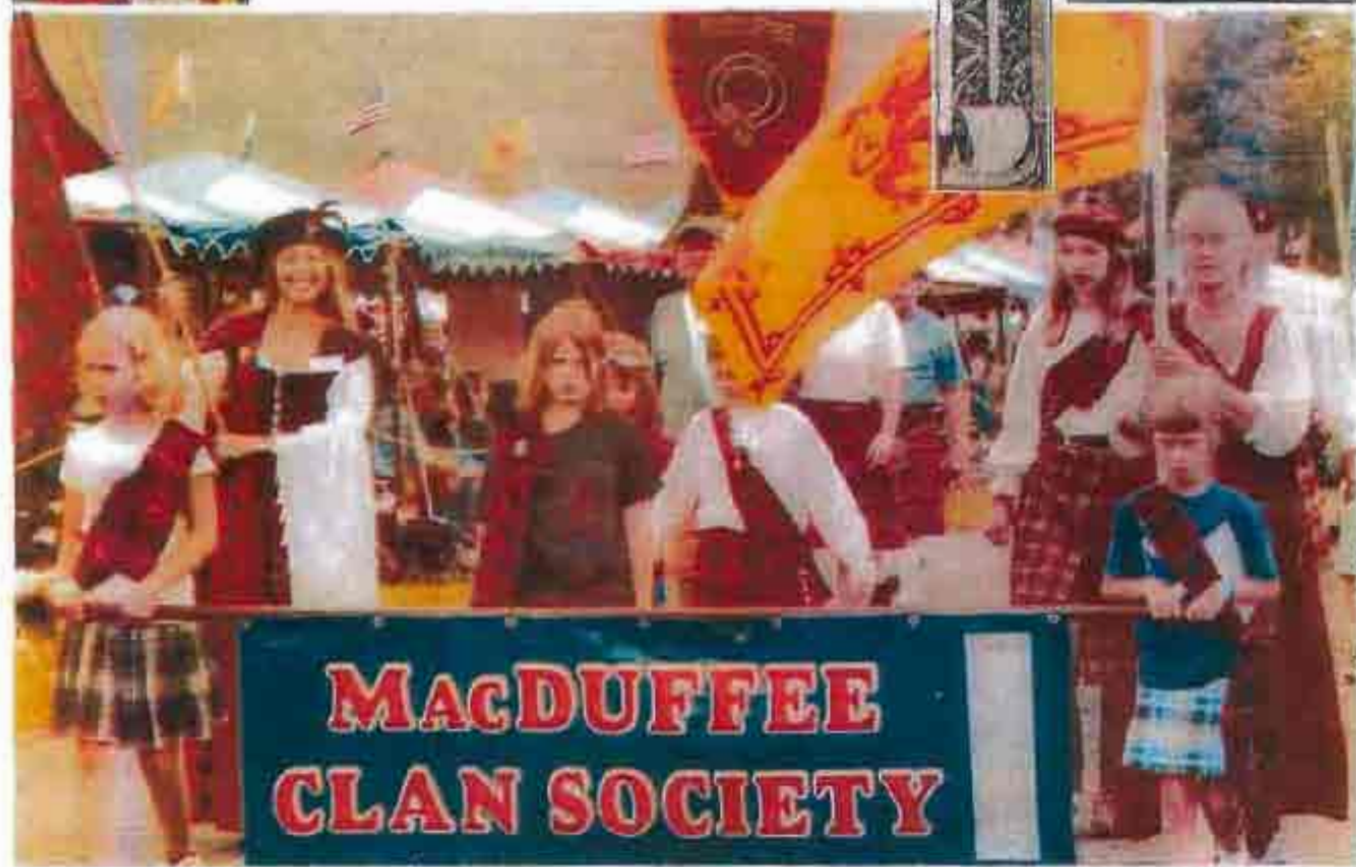
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shoppers from the top of a hill to a street several stories below.



We also spent a day in Cork and Cobh in the south of Ireland. Lovely castle tower and the Cathedral of St. Colman, sitting high upon a rocky outcrop above the city.



It was a lovely trip, but we were glad to get back home to Scotland



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**Badge of the Royal Company of Archers  
worn in the late 19th century.**

didates for admission, and of appointing the company's officers, civil and military. Membership is solely by election. Their officers by seniority are one Captain-General, four Captains, four Lieutenants, four Ensigns and twelve Brigadiers.

The Royal Company of Archers will certainly serve their new sovereign, King Charles III in these same responsibilities. The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, formed by King Henry VIII in 1509, and The Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, formed by King Henry VII in 1485, attend the Sovereign elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

# Flower of the Forest



**Norma Kent Lockwood** died on August 29, 2022.

Daughter of the late Frederick Heber Kent, one of our first Clan Officers in 1968, and Norma Cleveland Futch, she was born July 29, 1931.

A native of Jacksonville, she attended local schools and graduated from the Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, Connecticut in 1949 and Bryn Mawr College in 1953.

Following college, she returned to Jacksonville where she worked 45 years for Kent Theaters, Inc., a family business which owned and operated a chain of motion picture theaters.

She married William Gaillard Lockwood, Jr., in 1955. She was a long time member of the MacDuffee Clan Society of America.

Mrs. Lockwood was an active volunteer throughout her life, serving as president of the Child Guidance Center, YWCA (now Community Connections), Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Junior League of Jacksonville, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Florida, and Clover Garden Circle.

A member of Riverside Presbyterian Church, she served as elder, deacon, trustee, moderator of the Presbyterian Women and taught Sunday school for over 20 years. She was active in the Presbytery of Saint Augustine.

Mrs. Lockwood also served on the boards of the Jacksonville Historical Society, Plymouth Patuxet (Massachusetts), Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, Daniel Memorial, Board of Regents of Gunston Board Plantation.





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