

## The Kelpies in Falkirk recently opened



The Kelpies are 30-metre high horse-head sculptures, standing next to a new extension to the Forth and Clyde Canal, and near River Carron, in The Helix, a new parkland project built to connect 16 communities in the Falkirk Council Area, Scotland.

The sculptures were designed by sculptor Andy Scott and were completed in October 2013. The sculptures form a gateway at the eastern entrance to the Forth and Clyde canal, and the new canal extension built as part of The Helix land transformation project. The Kelpies are a monument to horse powered heritage across Scotland.

The sculptures opened to the public in April 2014. As part of the project, they will have their own visitor centre, and sit beside a newly developed canal turning pool and extension. This canal extension reconnects the Forth and Clyde Canal with the River Forth, and improves navigation between the East and West of Scotland.

The name was chosen by Scottish Canals at the inception of The Helix project, in 2005.

The Kelpies name reflected the mythological transforming beasts possessing the strength and endurance of 10 horses; a quality that is analogous with the transformational change and endurance of Scotland's inland waterways.

The Kelpies represent the lineage of the heavy horse of Scottish industry and economy, pulling the wagons, ploughs, barges and coalships that shaped the geographical layout of the Falkirk area.

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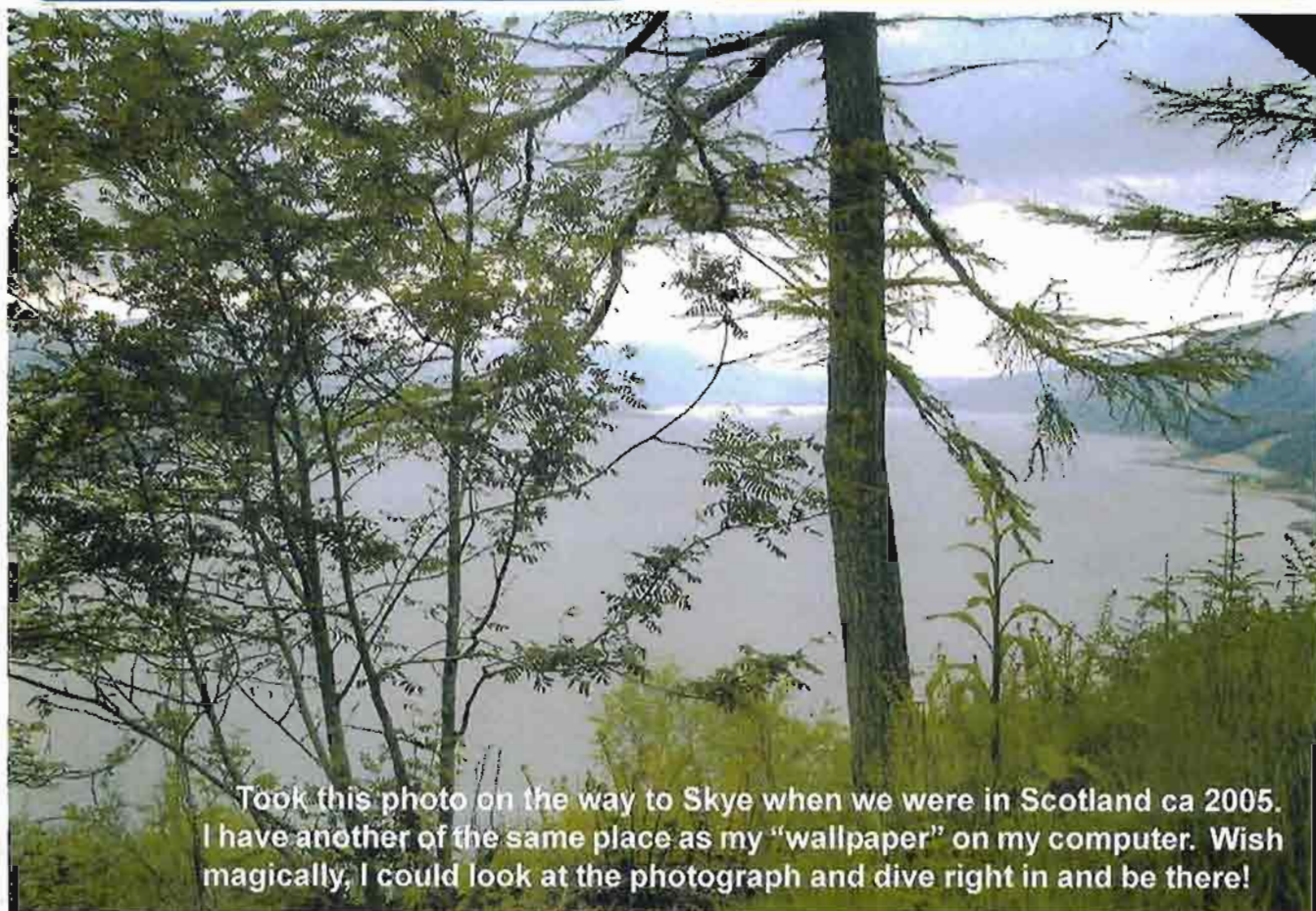
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Took this photo on the way to Skye when we were in Scotland ca 2005.  
I have another of the same place as my "wallpaper" on my computer. Wish  
magically, I could look at the photograph and dive right in and be there!

## ***A letter from your editor...***

### **Find something you love to do!**

**W**hen I was still quite the kidlet, some one told me, "When you grow up find something you love to do and you'll never work a day in your life."

I have been so very fortunate in so many ways. I am not really sure I've ever "grown up", but did find things I loved to do. At the same time, I have worked harder than most folks would ever think about working. I have loved about 99% of what I have done.

I can remember in the days of the print *Family Tree* working so many hours in a weekend when it was time to put the publication together - standing by my kitchen divider with my feet and legs hurting so intensely, that I had to put waxed paper over my pages.

Why?

Because back then, I used a regular printer and my galleys would smear and run if I cried on them - and would have to be done over.

By this time, I had most likely worked all day at work on Friday, come home and worked until the wee hours of the morning...slept a couple of hours...and started again pretty early in the day. By the time it was late that night, I would be standing on bed pillows with tears rolling down my face.

What started me thinking about all this was that I found one of the "day books" I used to keep where I listed my hours worked. According to the book, I worked from 7 PM until 3 AM that Friday night. Then on Saturday from 8 AM until 4 AM. On Sunday, my book says I worked from 7:30 AM until about 2 AM. I got to go to bed early on Sunday night as the book says..."All done and finished." I added it up and there were 50 hours worked in three days.

All of this while caring for three horses, assorted dogs and cats and fixing meals, doing laundry, etc., for the household.

Of course, it was back to work on Monday morning!

Years later, I did have an assistant to help. We'd work at my house...and my assistant would check and double check that all of the ads were in the publication and the size they were supposed to be. Back then, I had

several hundred ads and the publication was tabloid size and most likely about 52-56 pages in total - like today, in two sections.

We'd still work long, long hours...but we were both proud of the paper we produced.

I'm NOT kidding. This is all absolutely true.

I was one of the last to do the "cut and paste" kind of layout for a publication. I'd work all month - in the latter years with an assistant - we'd type in what they called "galleys" - that is article after article one column wide and as long as it needed to be....complete with a headline that most likely would be changed to fit the space available.

After the galleys were typed and proofread, they would be cut out with scissors and run through the waxing machine...then, they would be sorted according to subject matter, "Flowers of the Forest", "Scottish games," genealogical societies, columns, maybe about two dozen categories...and then stuck them to plain paper and filed in a box of folders according to the subject.

To "layout" the paper, I'd pull articles from the box and use a brayer to roll them down to the tabloid sized layout paper securely. There is so much care involved in making a page neat and artistically pleasing. To me, even through the tears, it was great fun.

When the paper was finished, I'd have to take it about 45 minutes away to Albany, Georgia to the newspaper where it would be printed on the big web press.

I'd stop at the US PS first to get the Postmaster to give me a paper saying he could not find anything in the

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# Tartan, the current state of the cloth!

**Daniel Williamson, The Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC**

On 12 March 2014 this past year, tartan number eleventh thousand was registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans ([www.tartanregister.gov.uk](http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk)). The Lermontov Bicentenary tartan is a Russian tartan designed by Maria Koroleva (Màiri Òg Koroleva) for the Lermontov family and to honor the bicentenary birth Russian poet, writer, and painter Mikhail Yuryevich Lermontov.

So, right now some of you are wondering why they are reading about a tartan that is Russian? The truth is that there are tartans for nearly everything and as I write this article the tartan register is nearing 11200 registered tartans.

The above mentioned tartan falls under the category of a “commemorative tartan” and in the register notes it is stated the this tartan may only be acquired by members of the Russian Lermontov family and cannot be woven without permission from the copyright holder or a member of the Lermontov family.

Now, most tartans have zero restrictions on them. However, because of the gaining popularity of persons registering personal tartans or family tartans intended for their immediate families, this number of restricted tartans is growing.

Again, some are wondering, “well, what does this mean?”

As someone who works in the tartan industry, there is a growing number of tartans that cannot be custom woven and obtained from the Gift Shop of the Scottish Tartans Museum or any other retailer that offers custom

woven tartans.

There is a solution to this, one can simply design a tartan or hire someone to design a tartan for you. Once you have a newly designed tartan, then simply head over to the Scottish Register of Tartans ([www.tartanregister.gov.uk](http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk)) and click on the “Register a Tartan” text at the top of the page. Read carefully and visit the “fees” page as well.

The tartan mentioned earlier is a commemorative tartan, and as many know there are also clan, family, and district tartans.



To many's surprise there are in addition to the others; personal (name), wedding, school, corporate, fashion, military, portrait/artifact, national, and royal tartans that are registered. Some of these style of tartans fall under commemorative tartans or some other category like district tartans. These are all just a scratching of the surface of the sheer diverse magnitude of tartans that are actually registered in existence today.

The other reality is the vast majority of registered tartans are not commercially woven and require a custom woven cloth order if one desires such a tartan.

If you require custom woven fabric by the yard, the Scottish Tartans Museum can help you with that as well. If you live here in America, going through a retail gift shop can save on vat and customs charges that can unexpectedly change the cost.

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**Find something you love,** continued from page 3

paper that broke any nonprofit mailing rules. (Another story for another time - but we WON!)

Then when the completed papers were delivered back to Moultrie, the "prisoner guys" and I would box up several dozen boxes to be shipped to libraries and organizations across the country and even some that went out of the country.

Of course, the bills had to be mailed, too.

In one way, I've never worked a day in my life - so the "someone" was correct.

When I did *Family Tree* I'd often get letters from readers - some of which made me cry and which haunt me to this day. The little lady who wrote and said, "Beth, I am elderly on a fixed income. I don't have any family. I used to be so very lonely. Then, *The Family Tree* started coming...and I started working on my family history again. I had a free query printed in your paper and started getting phone calls and mail from many places. I am no longer lonely...and have even discovered some living family."

Holy cow, wow.

Most importantly, I came to believe passionately in the Scottish community and all of the clan groups who have worked so hard for so long to preserve their heritage and to keep the culture alive - even in this "foreign" land of America. My work was - and still is - nothing compared to the work that has gone into creating this marvel - the American Scottish community.

So, in this January issue of *BNFT*, I just wish for everyone to find something they love to do...and you won't THINK you've worked all that hard, even if you did or do.

Happy New Year!

Love, beth

## Please honor our "Dark Horse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines

We are asking everyone to remember and think about "Dark Horse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families.

They are fighting it out in Afghanistan & they have lost 12 marines in 4 days.

They are: Justin Allen, 23; Brett Linley, 29; Matthew Weikert, 29; Justus Bartett, 27; Dave Santos, 21; Chase Stanley, 21; Jesse Reed, 26; Matthew Johnson, 21; Zachary Fisher, 24; Brandon King, 23; Christopher Goeke, 23; Sheldon Tate, 27.

All are Marines that gave their lives for YOU this week. Please honor them.

Thank you to Admiral Piper, my great friend all the way from grammar school, for this article.







## An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIain). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

**MOTTO:** Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)

**WAR CRY:** "The Henderson's Are Here!"

## Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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## 72nd Regiment Seaforth Highlanders



*To the left is Private John Davidson Grenadier Company Crimea. With thanks to the Clan Davidson Facebook page and James Davidson.*

## Calling all intellectuals

To begin our new year, here is a small group of those great parts of the English language - puns.

It is said that only the smartest folk love these things which make you laugh until you cry and cry and laugh some more.

\* When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

\* A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

\* When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

\* The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

\* The batteries were given out free of charge.

\* A will is a dead giveaway.

\* With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

\* Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

And finally...

\* You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.



## Nicolson Nose Trophy awarded every two years by Clan MacNicol

The Nicolson Nose Trophy is a most unique award. It is said that some clan members sport a formidable olfactory which is even been carved in Stone at Scurrybreac.

The back of the cairn on Ben Chracaig has a stone inlaid which is said to resemble those of Clan MacNicol with this most enhanced feature.

Some believe that only those who possess this distinguished nose may receive the award, but it means more than that - it is a service award.

Every two years, when the Clan meets internationally, this special award for service is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Clan and Federation by the Chief of Clan MacNicol. It is a great honor in our Clan to have received it; however, the lucky recipient must also bring the item to the next international meeting, and it does weigh a great deal!

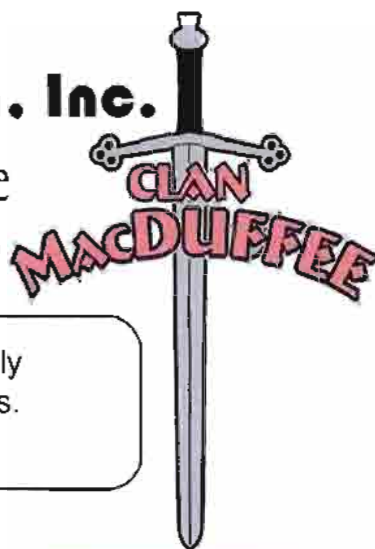
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# Flower of the Forest

**Bruce McDuffie**, of Chattanooga, TN passed away on September 12, 2014, at age ninety-three.

Bruce was born on August 25, 1921 in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Dr. Harold Fritz McDuffie and Hattie Louise Ferguson McDuffie.

Bruce attended Boys High School in Atlanta and Princeton University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree and a PhD in Analytical Chemistry.

He was predeceased by his parents and by one brother, Dr. Robert McDuffie.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife of sixty-four years, Winifred Groover McDuffie, as well as his three devoted children, Susan Ferguson McDuffie of Santa Fe, NM, John Groover McDuffie of Los Angeles, CA and Judie McDuffie Churchill of Durham, NH (husband, John); three grandsons, Robert (wife, Meghan), Sean and Zachary Churchill; and one great-grandchild, Wyatt Churchill.

Other survivors include his brother, Fritz McDuffie of Oak Ridge (wife, Bette); sister, Mary Elizabeth McDuffie Allen of Los Angeles, CA; brother-in-law, Charles Groover of Lakemont, GA (wife, Jacquie); and numerous nephews and nieces. He also leaves a half-brother in Jacksonville, FL.

Bruce taught analytical chemistry at Emory University, Washington and Jefferson College, and for many years at SUNY Binghamton.

His students dubbed him "the smiling assassin" for his pleasant demeanor and strict grading policies.

Bruce made international headlines in 1970 when, testing a can of tuna from Wini's kitchen, he discovered high levels of methyl mercury in tuna fish and, subsequently, in swordfish.

He remained very active in environmental studies

and chemistry until his retirement from teaching in 1988.

Bruce and Wini moved from Binghamton, NY to Chattanooga in 1990 to be close to Wini's aunt and uncle, George and Virginia Power, and other nearby family.

Bruce enjoyed many interests in his long and full life. He was active in the peace and civil rights movements and his family is proud that he participated in the 1963 March on Washington. He volunteered with voter registration and the Big Brothers program.

At age sixty Bruce rediscovered running and participated in numerous races and triathlons. He earned many medals, including a 1st place in his age group on his 75th birthday.

Bruce played golf avidly and enjoyed music and singing throughout his life.

He took up painting and leaves behind many beautiful paintings, and will also be remembered for his unique sense of humor.

Interested in his Scottish heritage, Bruce served several terms as President of the MacDuffie Clan Society of America.

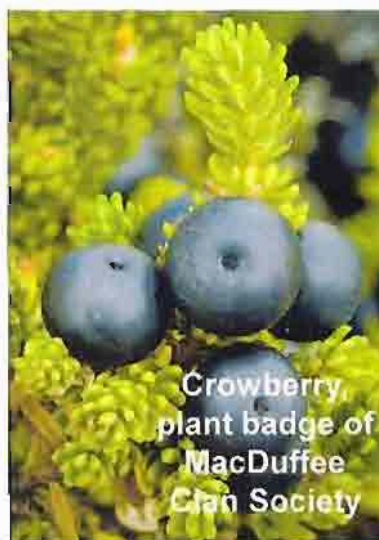
He remained devoted to his Alma Mater, and for many years volunteered as chairman of the annual giving cam-

paigns for his Princeton class of 1942.

Bruce was a loving husband, father, and brother and will be sorely missed.

The family extends their grateful thanks to Bruce's devoted caregivers and to Hospice of Chattanooga for making his transition comfortable and peaceful.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Donations in Bruce's memory may be made to Princeton University, the American Friends Service Committee, or to Hospice of Chattanooga. Visit [www.lanefh.com](http://www.lanefh.com) to share condolences. Arrangements are by Lane Funeral Home, Chattanooga, TN, (423) 877-3524.





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

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# The Loony Dook

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Spectators are welcome to cheer on the Dookers at various vantage points along the route or down on the beach and South Queensferry has a variety of pubs, cafes and restaurants, all open on New Year's Day.



## Our English lesson for today...

Did you know "listen" and "silent" use the same letters?

Do you know that the words "race car" spelled backwards still spells "race car"?

And that "eat" is the only word that if you take the first letter and move it to the last, it spells its past tense "ate"?





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## Scottish goodies from the kitchen

### Cauliflower and Cheese Soup

Recipe from John Webber at Nairn's Cook School  
via *Stand Sure*, the newsletter of the Clan  
Anderson Society

1 medium onion - chopped 4 cups boiling  
water

1 clove of garlic 1/2 cup heavy cream

1/3 stick butter 2 oz grated cheddar cheese

1 fresh large cauliflower—finely chopped  
parsley for garnish

1 tablespoon mustard

Heat butter in a large pan; add the onion and  
garlic and leave on medium heat 2—3 minutes, until  
they are soft and clear. Add the cauliflower and stir  
in the boiling water. Bring again to a boil. Reduce  
heat and simmer for 45 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir the soup well. Add  
the mustard and cheese, and season to taste. Blend  
the soup and cream in a blender. Garnish with the  
parsley and serve immediately. Serves four!



For more information on the Clan Anderson  
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## The Constitution of the Scottish Pipe Band

The pipe band as we know it today, first be-  
came prevalent in the military, although pipers  
were used in regiments much earlier. Often, pip-  
ers were soldiers who knew how to play, but fre-  
quently, regiment officers actually hired pipers  
who were not soldiers.

During the time of Queen Victoria, each bat-  
talion of a Highland Regiment was allowed to have  
5 pipers and a pipe major. This practice continues  
today.

Additional pipers in a battalion pipe band are  
not funded by the government, but are funded by  
the Officer's Mess Fund.

The next groups to routinely employ the use  
of pipe bands are the police and fire brigades.

Britain's War Office banned the practice of  
playing into battle after significant numbers of  
military pipers were killed in action in WWI.

However, the ban was not always observed,  
and in fact a piper played at Normandy Beach and  
at the Crossing of the Rhine. Military Pipers have  
served in both Gulf Wars.

Traditionally, the pipe band consist of the 6  
to 25 pipers, followed by 3-10 snare (side) drum-  
mers, then by 1-6 tenor drummers and 1 bass  
drummer. The band follows the direction of a pipe  
major, who uses a mace to direct the band. The  
pipe band generally plays music of Scottish tradi-  
tion (or Irish or Breton).



# *Clan Leslie Society International*

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# 2014 Colonel Neil Ramsay Piping Trophy Winner

**Linville, NC** Cadet Andrew Coulter, the winner of the Col. Neil Ramsay piping trophy at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 2014, is a 21 year-old senior at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Andrew is from Houston, TX, and has been playing the bagpipes for 12 years. He first started playing in 4th grade at St. Thomas Episcopal School in Houston, and has taken lessons in the past with Doug Macrae and Mike Cusack. He just recently moved up to the grade 1, and this was his first competition in that grade.

For the Clan Ramsay website visit [www.clanramsay.org](http://www.clanramsay.org). You will find membership information on the website.



With thanks to *The Ramsay Report*, newsletter of the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.

**Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> was "Edinburgh Poppy Day!"** Poppyscotland had dozens of collectors spread right across the city making it simple for residents to show their support by picking up a poppy!!

**The piper pictured here is wearing Ramsay Red.**



**\* In remembrance of the character,  
Captain Horatio Hornblower,  
from the novels penned by C.S. Forester,  
who gave his character life  
by using the Forrester Clan crest motto:  
"Hunter Blaw Thy Horn."**



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#### Sponsor Information

Please contact - Sheila Palmer for full details and the benefits of sponsoring this event.

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(Deadline for listing in program - Feb 1, 2015)

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# March 7, 2015

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## **Panama City Scottish Festival & Highland Games**



## **A Festival to Celebrate our Celtic Heritage!**

**NEW 2015 LOCATION!**

**Gulf Coast State College Campus  
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**Sorry - NO PETS**

**Registered Service animals only  
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# ***Schedule of Events***

## **Friday, March 6, 2015**

### **5:00 – 6:30 PM - Scotch Whisky Tasting**

Panama Country Club – Lynn Haven

#### **ADVANCE PURCHASED TICKETS ONLY!**

An industry expert will lead the tasting and discuss the malting and distilling process which makes Scotch whiskies so unique. Enjoy this opportunity to taste and understand some of the most delightful Scotch whiskies available. Buy your tickets early – this event is sure to be a sell out!

### **6:45 – 9:00 PM – Sponsors' Reception**

#### **By Invitation Only**

A very special evening designed to honor our VIPs Sponsors and Patrons. Dress will be Highland attire, Full Military dress or Formal.

## **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

### **9:00 – 4:00**

#### **Scottish Festival & Highland Games!**

Come prepared to enjoy a full day of a wide variety of entertainment and fun! Embrace a day of traditional Scottish & Irish, Music, Dance, Athletics and Foods. Merchandise vendors will bring treasures and trinkets from key chains to Kilts! Scottish and Irish Clans and Societies will decorate their tents with colorful family tartans, family crests, artwork, banners and weapons. Be sure to visit these Clan representatives who can provide valuable genealogy information. Don't miss the **HIGHLAND GAMES** – the athletic competitions where you can view

strong Scottish athletes compete in ancient tests of strength and endurance, wearing a kilt! The athletic competition will go on all day – breaking only during the time of our opening ceremony. **The OPENING CEREMONY will take place at 12:00**

### **Noon. This is a colorful and exciting production featuring bagpipe bands, A Parade of Tartans by the attending Clans and Societies, 601 Air Operations Center Color Guard from Tynndall AFB, Presentation of our Guests of Honor, a salute to our wonderful Nation and the celebrated countries of Scotland, Ireland, England, and Canada. Join us center field for this delightful event in front of the main stage. A variety of traditional Scottish & Irish musical entertainers will perform on several different stages throughout the day. Enjoy Irish Step Dancing performances – be sure to check your time schedule so you don't miss them. Panama City Pipes & Drums our HOST Pipe Band will play several performances during the day as well as being featured in the Opening Ceremony.**

Food vendors will offer traditional treats from the old world such as haggis, bridies, Shepard's pie, meat pies and fish & chips. More modern foods like hamburgers will also be available. BEER will be available, along with soft drinks and bottled water. Bring your folding chairs, and a hat -you won't want to leave early from this event! Seven hours of fun suitable for every one of all ages. Don't miss this exciting day of celebrating our Scottish & Irish heritage

## **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

### **7:00 PM to ?? THE CELIDH (Kay-lee)**

ADMISSION - \$5.00 per person

Panama Country Club – Lynn Haven  
100 Country Club Dr, Lynn Haven, FL 32444

After an exciting day at the Scottish Festival and Highland Games, come enjoy a casual evening of music and dance. The musical entertainers will be performing for you and usually end the evening with a CELTIC JAM. The evening will be filled with unleashed Celtic humor – jokes, stories, and song. While the day is very much "Rated", the Ceilidh is for the adults and some jokes or stories may not be appropriate for the wee ones. Come prepared to laugh, dance, clap your hands and stop your feet. Laddie's wear your Kilts – there will be a BONNIEST KNEES CONTEST!

## **Sunday, March 8, 2015**

### **Kirkin' of the Tartans – 10:30 AM**

*Grace Presbyterian Church*

1415 Airport Road, Panama City, FL 32405

Please join us in your tartan gear for a very special church service called a Kirkin' O' Tartans. This is a Blessing of the Scottish Family Tartans we so proudly wear. Dr. Gary Cecil, our pastor, will be wearing his kilt and sharing with us a special service honoring our Celtic heritage. Arrive early and carry in one of our tartan banners while bagpiper Kathy McCurdy, member of the Panama City Pipes and Drums, and a member of Grace Presbyterian Church pipes in the tartan parade. Join us after the service for fellowship, music and lunch on the grounds. What a perfect ending to a Celtic weekend!



# *The* *Clan Macneil* Association of America

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



" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom  
you have come.

**The Clan Macneil President: Robert "Bob" Neill,**  
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# Flowers of the Forest

**Don Nicolson** of Thornbury, Ontario, Canada who passed away after a courageous battle with lung cancer in his 82<sup>nd</sup> year.

He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth, who had passed away in August 2013. Many will remember them at Clan McNicols gatherings, including most recently, the one in Vancouver, BC in 2012.

Don was born in Langton, the son of William and Jean (nee Robertson) Nicolson.

He was an engineering student at Queen's and a graduate of the Photographic Arts Program at Ryerson.

He had a photographic studio in Brantford from 1961-1978.

After relocating to Thornbury, he continued to be an entrepreneur by opening the Georgian Frame Gallery in Collingwood.

When he retired from the business, he stayed working part time for his daughter, Margot, who carried on with the family business.

Volunteerism and community work were a big part of Don's life. He was a Queen's Scoutmaster in Langton, President of the Brant Figure Skating Club, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brantford and later the Collingswood Progress Club. He was a member of the Collingswood Museum Board, the Grace United Church Board and more recently President and member of the Beaver Valley Seniors Curling Club.

In his retirement, Don curled and golfed, being a member of the Duntroon Highlands Golf Club.

Don was very active in the Clan MacNicol and was the Commissioner for the clan in Ontario for several years.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, traveled to many clan gatherings in Canada and Scotland.

He and Elizabeth traveled extensively in their retirement and Don tended to his beautiful gardens, played Internet chess with his buddy, Norm, from Tillsonburg and created many solutions to make Elizabeth's life easier after a debilitating stroke.

Donald was the cherished Dad of Carla Nicolson and her husband, Doug Johnston of Thornbury and Margot Nicholson and her husband, Cam Trott of Collingwood. He was the adored and devoted grampa of Tori and Alex Johnston and step-grandfather of Weston Trott and his wife, Saren, and their son, Xavier, and Courtney Trott and Evan Trott.

Brothers Douglas and Bruce Nicolson predeceased Donald. He will be remembered as the much loved and caring uncle to Ron Nicolson of Calgary and Mary Jean and Anne Nicolson of Toronto



**About Flowers of the Forest:** At the instigation of the ambitious younger brothers of the King of the Scots, Henry VIII led an army against Scotland. King James IV and the "flower" of the Scottish nobility were brutally slain at the Battle of Flodden on September 9,

1513, one of the greatest disasters to befall the country. The pipe tune *Flowers of the Forest* was a soulful lament written shortly after the battle. The "forest" refers to a district of Scotland called Ettrick Forest where the battle took place. Although much of the original lament as been lost, Mrs. Patrick Cockburn, who lived from 1712-1792, is credited with this version.

With thanks to the Clan Forrester Society.

We encourage everyone who is interested in the great  
**Clan Ramsay to join** the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.  
Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



### Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

**What is it?** DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsey** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

### The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

**Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!**

**Quarterly Newsletter - *The Ramsay Report* is available to all members!**

### Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

### Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

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for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



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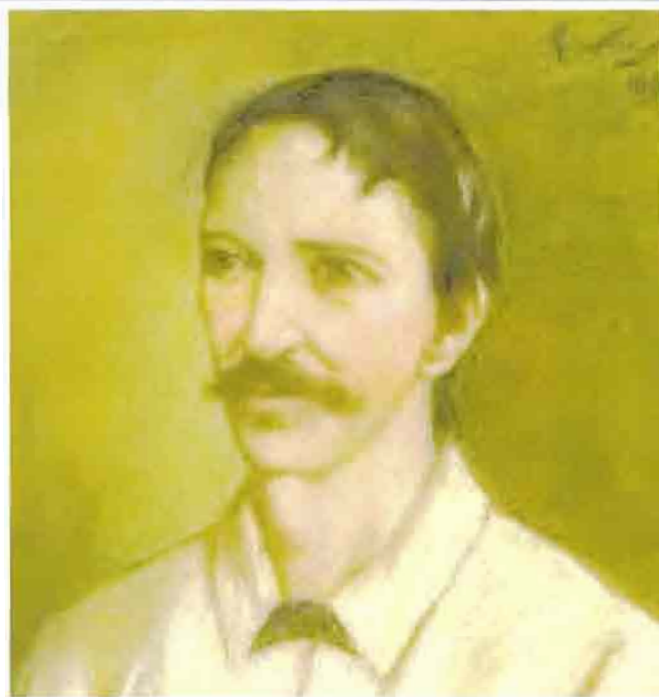
Clan Ramsay at the Alexandria (VA) Christmas Walk.

## Did you know? Robert Lewis Stevenson was an Elliot too!

Robert Lewis Stevenson, the author of 'Kidnapped' was proud of his Elliot blood brought into the family by Professor James Balfour's marriage with Cecilia Elphinstone, daughter of Sir John Elphinstone of Logie and Mary Elliot, daughter of Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto.

'I have shaken a spear in the Debateable Land and shouted the slogan of the Elliots' Stevenson claimed.

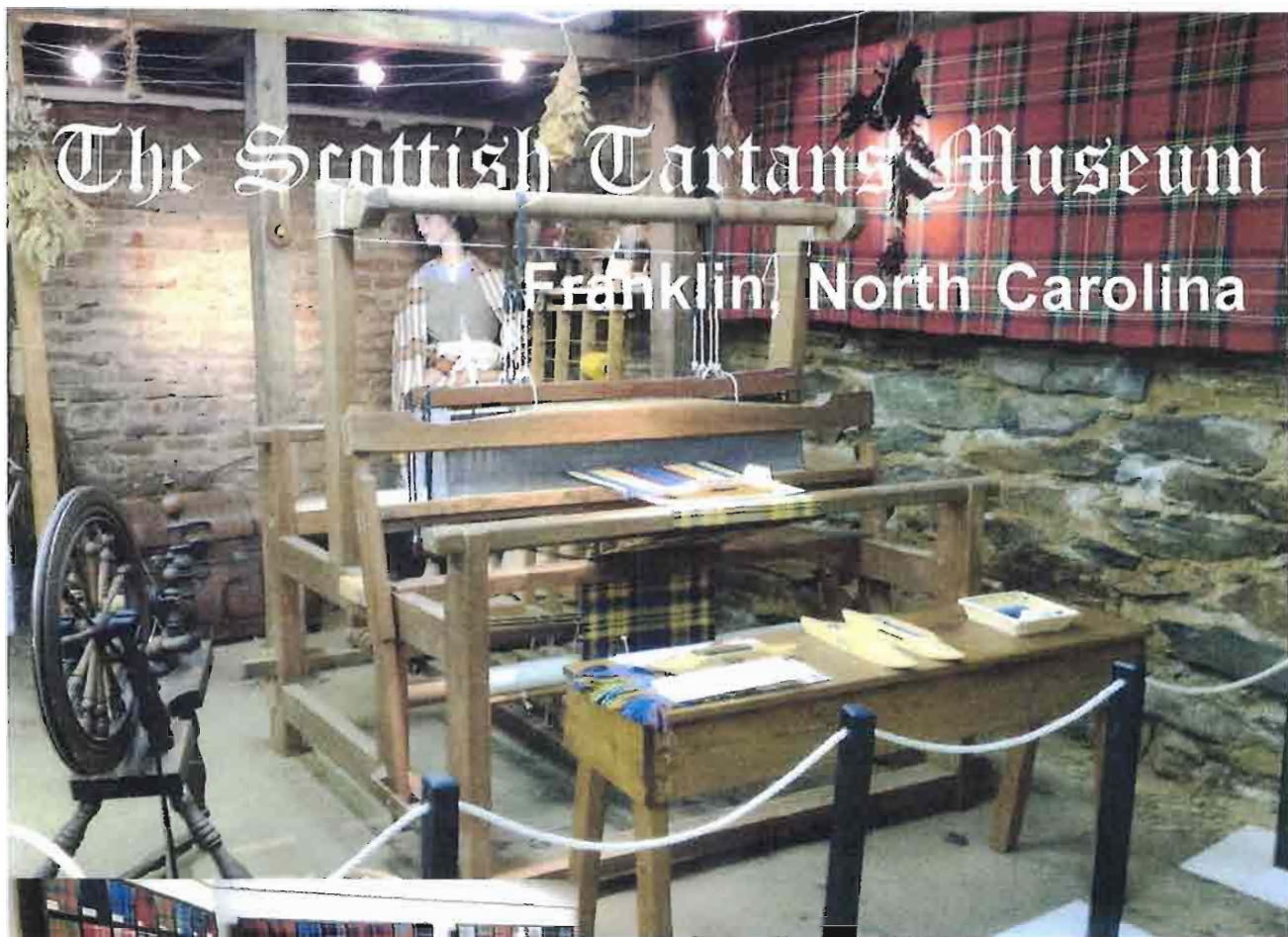
Mary Elliot's portrait hangs at Pilrig



House, the Balfour house near Edinburgh, and shows her dark-eyed and very handsome in a beautiful russet dress

(with thanks to Dee Elliott-Wakefield).





# The Scottish Tartans Museum

## Franklin, North Carolina

The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) ) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

**[www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org)**

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# Theodore Ewing Davidson, CSA, honored with a Christmas wreath in Oklahoma

Clan Davidson's Debbie Sorrels Mecca writes, "December 17, 2014 something special happened in Rush Springs Cemetery, Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

My Great Granddad Theodore Ewing Davidson was honored by Sons of Confederate Veterans for Christmas as they placed a specially created wreath on his grave.

This group goes out of their way to honor our Southern heroes. I am very moved.

Years ago I received a copy of letters Thee had received 49 years after the war. I would take them out and read them again and again until they began to take on a life of their own.

This is where my Davidson research began and it has taken me on wide ranging travels and introduced me to so many friends through Clan Davidson. Happy New Year—this one is certainly extra-special to me.



**The Kelpies**, *continued from page 1*

point for the artistic development of the structures." I took that concept and moved with it towards a more equine and contemporary response, shifting from any mythological references towards a socio-historical monument intended to celebrate the horse's role in industry and agriculture as well as the obvious association with the canals as tow horses."

In 2008 Scott created three-metre-high miniature versions in his Glasgow studio. These were then scanned by lasers to help the steel fabricators create accurate full-scale components.

According to Scott the end result would be "Water-borne, towering gateways into The Helix, the Forth & Clyde Canal and Scotland, translating the legacy of the area into proud equine guardians."

Built of structural steel with a stainless steel cladding, The Kelpies are 30 metres high and weigh 300 tonnes each. Construction began in June 2013, and was complete by October 2013. However the process of fabricating the steel was several years in the making. SH Structures, of Yorkshire, carried out this fabrication and also managed the erection of the sculptures on site.

The Kelpies are positioned either side of a specially constructed lock and basin, part of the redeveloped Kelpies Hub.

# Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

<b>Davey</b>	<b>Davisson</b>	<b>Dea</b>	<b>Dee</b>	<b>Dhai</b>	<b>Keay</b>	<b>MacDade</b>	<b>MacDavid</b>
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**The Clan Davidson Society USA** is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the **US IRS** as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [[www.elandavidsonusa.com](http://www.elandavidsonusa.com)] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [[sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)].





# Clan Wallace officers and their Acting Chief at the Gathering in Scotland 2014



*Cornelius Wallace, Russ Harper, Andrew Wallace (Acting Chief), David Pummell, Jim "Bowie" Wallace and President Larry Slight at the Bannockburn Celebration in Scotland last summer.*

## 911 Memorial in Dunfermline, Scotland



Under the etching of a portrait of Robert Burns, the memorial reads, "Dedicated to the victims of Terrorism in the USA on 11th September 2001."

These lines of Robert Burns poetry are engraved on the bottom of the plaque next to the engraved signature of the poet, "Man's inhumanity to man makes the countless thousands mourn."

Clan Wallace visited the site, along with many others on their clan tour of Scotland last summer.

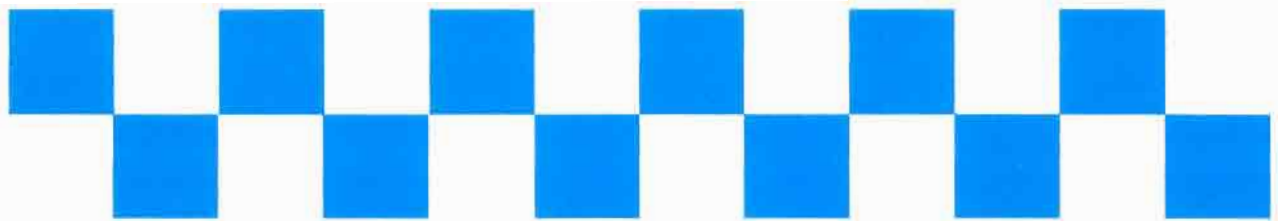


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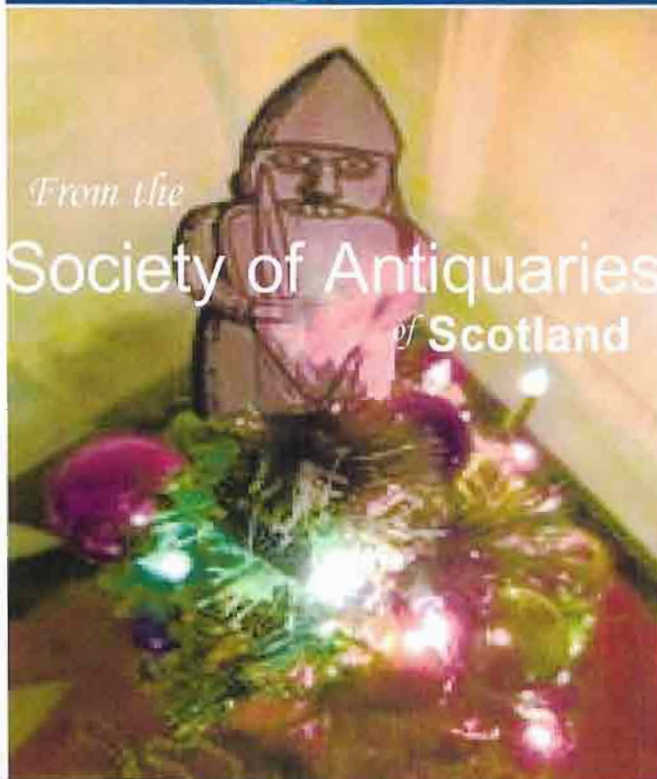
**H**eraldry, though wrought in many forms, is in none so stirring as when seen flying proudly on the wind, colours aflame in the sunlight. Born of necessity on the battlefields of centuries past, these brightly coloured scraps of cloth have long stood watch over both proud victory and grievous loss. Today they reach out from the past to show and nurture our connection to history. Often seen in the parades of tartan common to the modern Scottish highland games, flying heraldry calls us still to rally to our clansmen, march with them and be counted. When next you attend a highland games, give a moment's pause to witness the banners as they pass or, perhaps, join your kinsmen and take your own steps in the long tartan line.

For all your heraldic needs contact Tom Freeman at:

**706-839-6612**







All the staff of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

Please note that the office will be closed for the holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2015.

Our online shop remains open for book orders throughout this period and all orders will be despatched on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

We look forward to seeing you again at our first event in 2015 which will be held at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-28 George Street, Edinburgh on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January *By Way of the Sea: Exploring a Bronze Age maritory in NW Europe*, lecture by Peter Clark and Anne Lehoerff.

## Tinkers Heart: One of a kind memorial

Tinker's Heart is a 1.7m x 1.4m heart formed by small Quartz stones laid in the earth at a crossroads near Loch Fyne. There is a tradition within the travelling community that it was constructed as a memorial to local tinkers who joined the Jacobite Rising of 1745. Is so Tinkers Heart may be the only physical monument to the tinker (gypsy) community in the highlands.

A dedicated group of folks have been attempting to gain better protection for this one of a kind monument. Some have said that Historic Scotland has failed to act quickly enough or to take the public petitioning seriously enough. Well, recently the Scottish Parliament took a position in support of preservation.

**Tinkers' Heart: Modest memorial may be the only one of its kind.** It certainly doesn't compare in splendor with Scotland's soaring cathedrals, abbeys and castles, but Tinkers' Heart may just be more significant than the lot of those. After years of living on the edge of falling victim to progress (Tinkers' Heart sits at a traffic crossroads and has already suffered one relocation) the Scottish Parliament has thrown its support behind protection of what is likely the only surviving memorial to the '45 Jacobite Travelling Community - Gypsies who fought for Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Tinkers lore says it also marks the place where early Tinkers would meet to marry.



# Burns Night

January 17, 2015  
Statesville Civic Center

*300 South Center St., Statesville, NC 28677*

Musical Concert by  
**Celtic Echoes**

Three Course Traditional Scottish Meal

Readings of Robert Burns toasts and poems  
**Raffles and Door Prizes**

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*Tickets for this exclusive event will be presale only  
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**Call 704-397-7717**

For information: email:  
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