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Tall Ships to return to Aberdeen in 2025



The Tall Ships event is to return to Aberdeen, it has been announced.

The city previously hosted the prestigious event back in 1991 and 1997.

The vessels will visit four ports in 2025, with Aberdeen included alongside Le Havre and Dunkirk in France and Kristians in Norway.

Aberdeen City Council said it expected

to host an audience of half a million to see between 30 and 50 tall ships.

Aberdeen last hosted the event in 1991 and 1997.

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Happy New Year 2023!

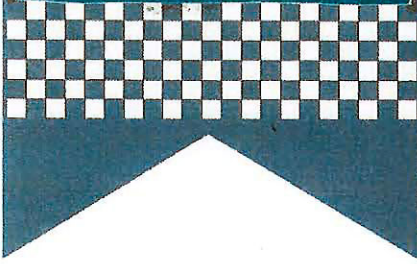


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Bart Blair sent along to the Clan Blair newsletter a photo that is a true genealogical treasure.

It is a photo of of Bart Blair, at age 2, with his two Grandfathers and his four Great Grandfathers!



Above, Bart with his two Grandfathers and his four Great Grandfathers. Standing Grandfathers, Isaac Smith, Ephraim Bair, Great Grandfathers sitting are: Peter Hansen and William Glover, William Blair and Job Smith.

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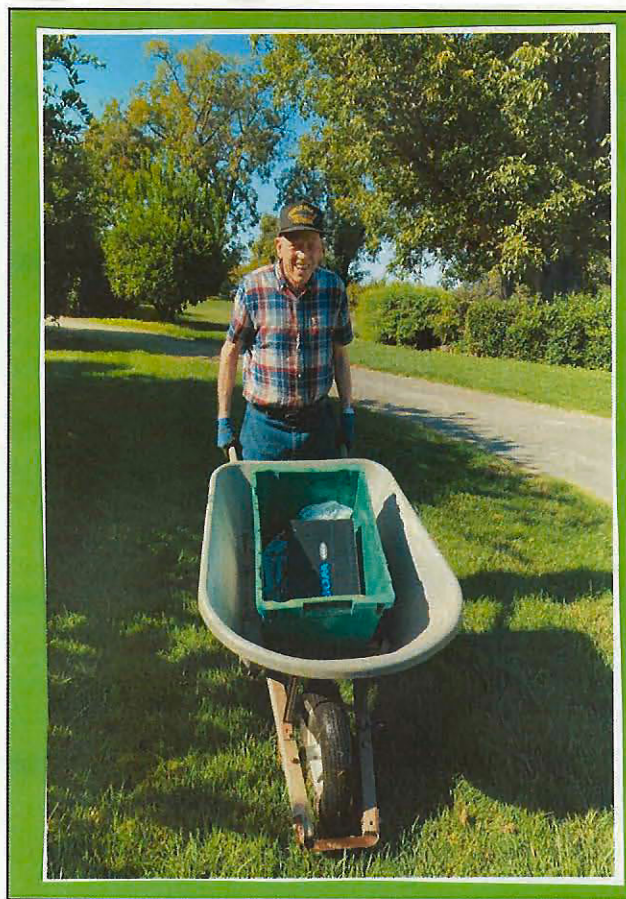


Photo taken in 2022. Bart age 95 continues to work and maintain his home and 2 acres in Chico, California.

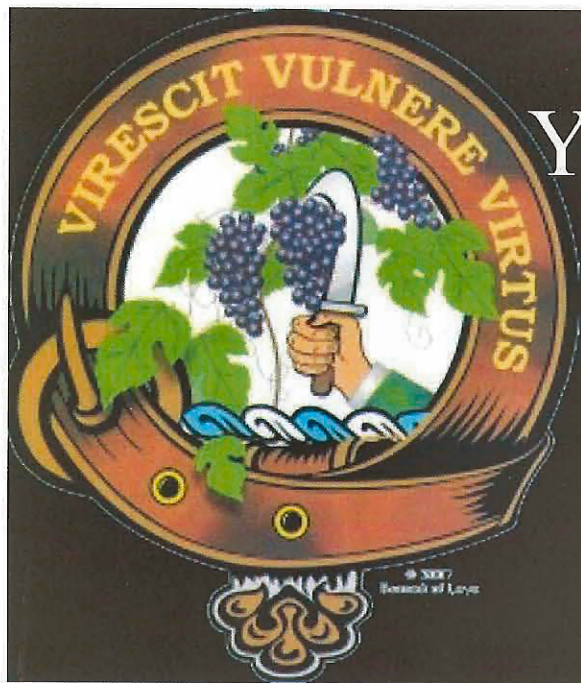


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You're invited to the BURNETT Gathering in 2023

Crathes, Monday 31 July - 5 August
Highlands and Edinburgh Tour Sunday, 6 August - Saturday 12 August. The 2023 Burnett Gathering includes events and activities to appeal to Burnettes of all ages. Along with some popular activities, there will be some new events for those who have been to previous Gatherings.

For the first week, the Gathering will be predominantly centered around Crathes Castle with day trips to other areas of North-East Scotland. The second week will consist of a tour of the Highlands to finish in Edinburgh.

There will be charges for certain separate events. There will also be a single package charge to include many events and activities. Items marked (N) in the details will not be included in the package charge.

Aberdeen to host tall ships in 2025,

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Lord Provost David Cameron said: "This is absolutely terrific news for the city of Aberdeen.

"Everyone will join me in looking forward to 2025 and welcoming the Tall Ships back to inspire a whole new generation of Aberdonians."

There will be also the option to attend certain individual events.

Visitors will need to make their own accommodation arrangements for the first week, but assistance can be provided if required.

Contact details of recommended accommodation in the Crathes are below in notes.

Sunday, 30 July is the coach transfer from Glasgow and Edinburgh Airport (N).

Week One - Monday 31 July - Saturday 5 August. Day One. Monday 31 July **Northern Tour (N)**, Guided Tour to Ballindalloch Castle and Speyside Cooperage.

Evening: Welcome Event and Family History Evening with supper.

Day Two - Tuesday 1 August. Southern Tour (N) Scone Palace and St. Andrews. Evening Event with supper, Family Genealogy.

Day Three - Wednesday 2 August. Guided Tour and Young Persons Tour of Crathes Castle with a visit to the Crannog on the Loch of Leys. Lunch with the Burnett Family and a visit to the Klemnay House (N), Scottish Country Dance Workshop (N).

Day Four - Thursday, 3 August. Guided walk up Scolty Hill overlooking Banchory. A journey on the Deeside Railway and Guided Tour of Crathes Gardens. A visit to Muchalls Castle (N).

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Burnett Gathering, *continued from page 5* —
Leys Estate Tour, Scottish Country Dance Workshop (N). Guided Archaeological Tour in the grounds of Crathes Castle. Evening: Inter-clan Croquet Match and a Ghost Tour of Crathes Castle.

Day Five - Friday 4 August. Choice of local guided tours.

Tour 1: Royal Deeside. Royal Lochynagar Distillery, Gallater and the Braemar Highland Games Centre.

Tour 2: Southern Tour. Dunnottar Castle, Stonehaven, Glamis Castle.

Tour 3: Historical Aberdeen. All visits optional and may include Old Aberdeen, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Tolbooth Museum, Kirk of St. Nicolas, Provost Skene's House and Aberdeen Maritime Museum.

Evening: Grand traditional Ceilidh and Supper.

Day Six - Saturday 5 August. Aboyne Highland Games. Lunch at the Burnett Tent at Aboyne Highland Games.

Evening - Farewell Barbeque.

Sunday 6 August. Coach transfers to Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports (N).

Everyday Activities: Access to Crathes Castle, Gardens and Grounds. Golf at Inchmarlo Golf Centre (N). Salmon Fishing on the River Dee (N). Evening hunting with the Leys Estate Gameskeeper (N).

(N) Events and Activities not included in package charges. *Entry to the Aboyne Games field not included in the package charges.

The route and timings of the trips may change for operational reasons out of our control.

Any additions or necessary changes will be posted on the website. They will be available on <www.burnett.uk.com> or can be forwarded as requested.

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Flowers of the Forest

Rita Jean Shader

Rita Jean Shader, June 7, 1948 - November 9, 2022.

Rita Jean Shader of Hendersonville, NC, died Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

A native of Hoboken, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Christina Sabella and the late Duilio Sabella.

Having lived in Melbourne, Florida, before moving to Hendersonville, she was a church secretary and a supervisor of elections analyst for Brevard County, Florida.

Rita was a member of Mills River Presbyterian Church and the Iona Community Scotland.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, crocheting, volunteering, Scottish and Celtic culture, being a newsletter editor and tap dancing.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her loving husband of fifty years, Richard Shader. She is also survived by two daughters, Jennier Richard (Michael) of Wellford, South Carolina, and Amy Slaven (Geoff) of Hendersonville, North Carolina. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Michael Richard, Nick Richard, Kristof Weiss, Bradley Weiss, Joseph Ri-

chard and Morgan Slaven.

She is also survived by two great-grandchildren and a brother, William Sabella (Dora) of Chester, New York.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Mills River Presbyterian Church in Mills River, NC, with the Rev. Megan McMillian officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Mills River Presbyterian, 10 Presbyterian Road, Mills River, North Carolina 28759.

You may sign the Tribute Wall at Shuler Funeral Home.



Rich and Rita were friends of ours for many years. We always enjoyed their publication and their friendship and enjoyed having them come and stay with us. They were lovely company and dear friends. Tom and Beth.



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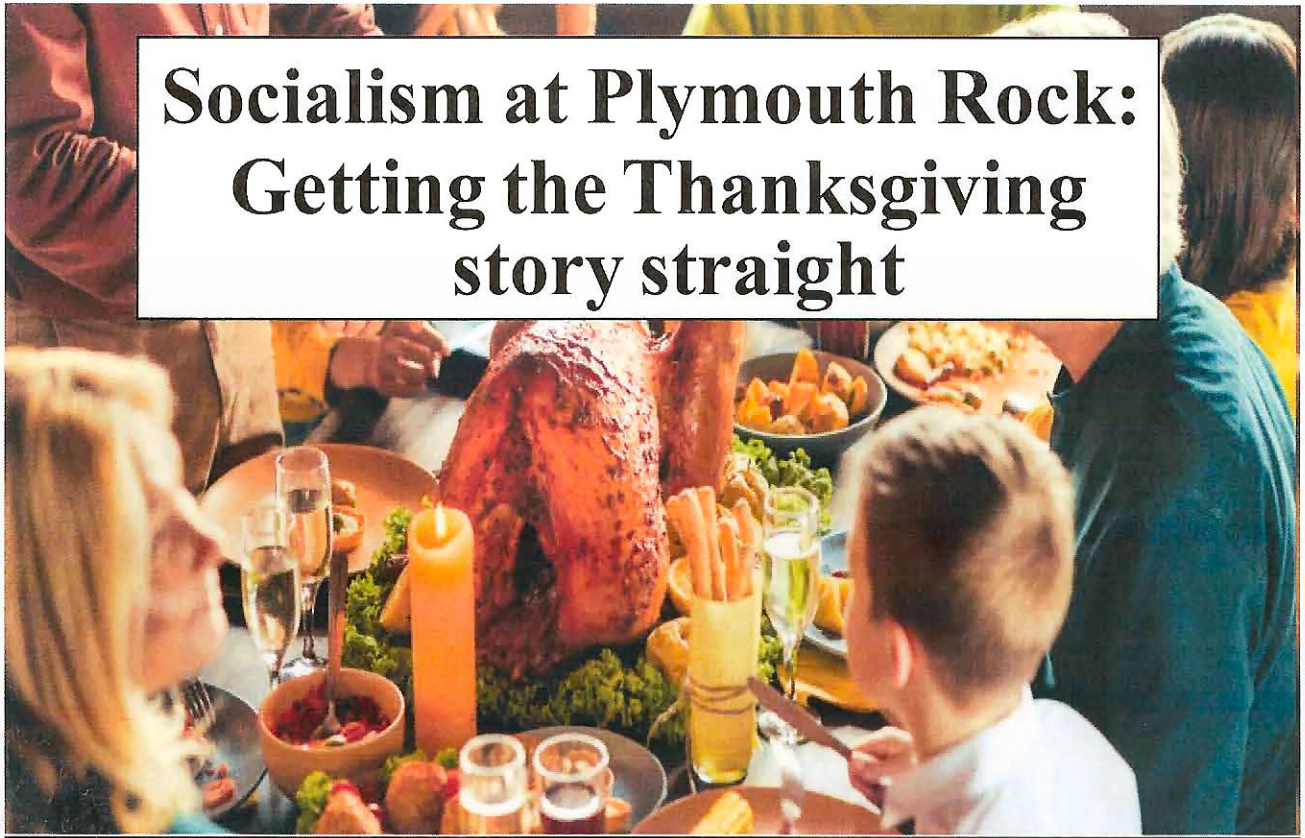
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Socialism at Plymouth Rock: Getting the Thanksgiving story straight



Washington Examiner

Sherry Sylvester

One thing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving is that it took the Pilgrims only a year or so to figure out that socialism was bad, both for individuals and communities as a whole.

Four centuries ago, William Bradford, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, stated flatly in his history of Plymouth that the Pilgrims had been wrong to think the “taking away of property and commonwealth would make them happy and flourishing, as if they were wiser than God.”

According to Bradford, not long after the Pilgrims landed in 1620, they found that the collectivity they had instituted in the colony bred “confusion and discontent and retard[ed] much employment” because men did not want to work without pay for other men’s families. And so, a little more than a year after the first Thanksgiving, they decided to divide up the land they had so that everybody had a share and could grow what they wanted. Productivity increased, and the colony began to prosper, attracting more and more immigrants and ushering in the great migration from

England, which soon resulted in such prosperity that New England became a wealth center for Great Britain.

It’s too bad the failed socialist experiment at Plymouth Rock is not more prominently included in the Thanksgiving story. Perhaps it would make a difference to the 65% of Democrats who have a positive view of socialism today, including about half of millennials and Generation Zers who believe it would be preferable to our capitalist system.

As it is, most public school children do not learn about the early decision by the Pilgrims to move quickly from a socialistlike economy to an economic system that provided property rights and incentives for work and productivity. They also know little of the genius of the Mayflower Compact, which called for “just and equal laws” and set the foundation for the principles that the founders employed when they established America’s government 150 years later.

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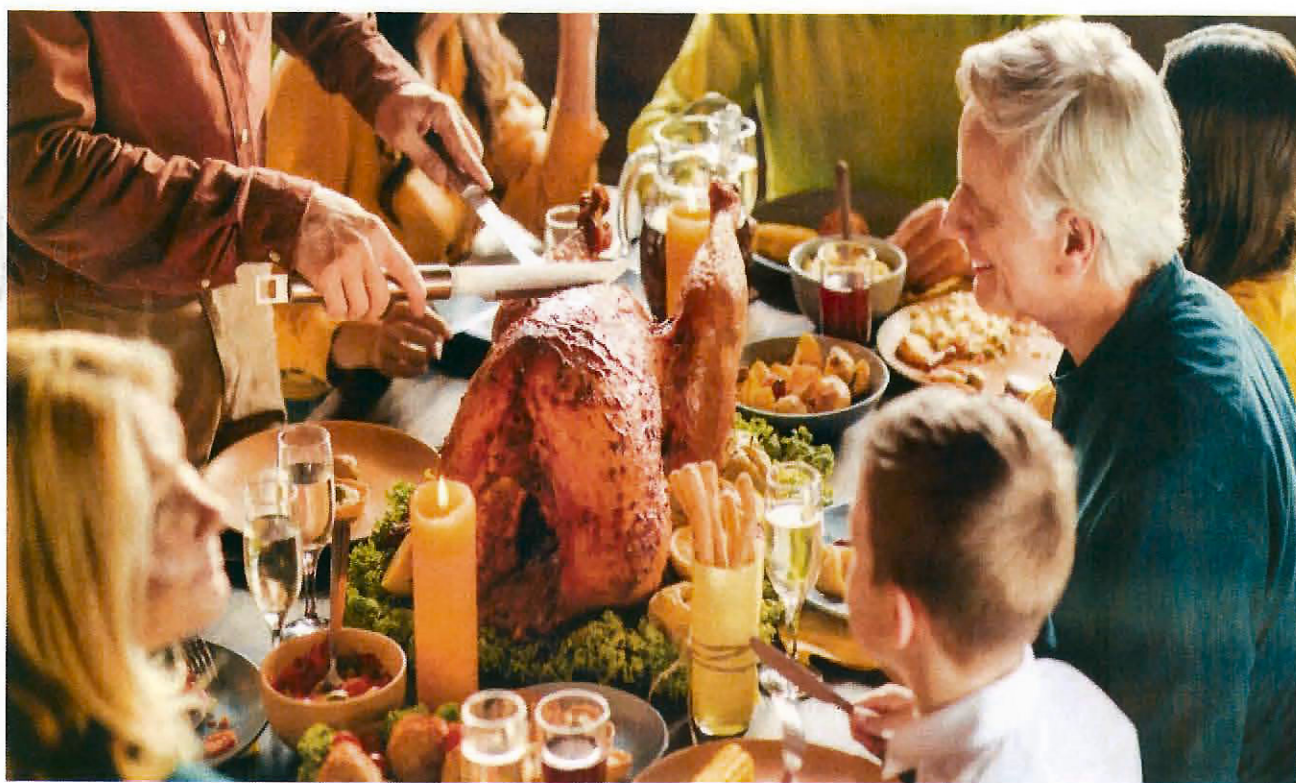
Instead, too many public schools emphasize the Native American story, which is important but so riddled with leftist ideas such as critical race theory that it doesn't even get even basic facts right.

Edward Winslow, a Pilgrim leader who attended the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth, provided us with an eyewitness account of what actually happened that day.

Winslow reported that he and his fellow Pilgrims were very excited about hunting geese and ducks for the big dinner. According to Winslow, they called it "exercising their arms," so perhaps we could have pre-

more than half of them died in the first winter, before the big feast.

It is no accident that our education system has distorted the Thanksgiving story and ignored both the Pilgrims' failed socialist experiment and the importance of the Mayflower Compact. The "1619 Project" produced by the New York Times, for example, was cynically named to challenge the dates we associate with the beginning of the American idea, including the 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence and even the 1620 landing at Plymouth Rock. The goal of the "1619 Project" is not just to downplay the significance



dicted that their descendants would be big supporters of gun rights. Winslow also bragged that Plymouth Bay was full of lobster, so that was likely on the menu, along with deer, which was brought by the Native Americans.

Missing from the traditional paintings of the first Thanksgiving is the fact that most of the people at the feast were Native Americans. It's estimated there were about 90 Native Americans there that day. For comparison, 102 Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, but

of the American founding but also to attack and destroy American capitalism. And yet it is this capitalist system that granted the Pilgrims, and millions of Americans since, the opportunity to thrive and prosper.

History is dynamic, and there is always more to learn. But one thing is certain: The fact that the Pilgrims rejected socialism and nurtured the principles of liberty and freedom is important to who we are today — and is one more reason to be thankful this holiday season.





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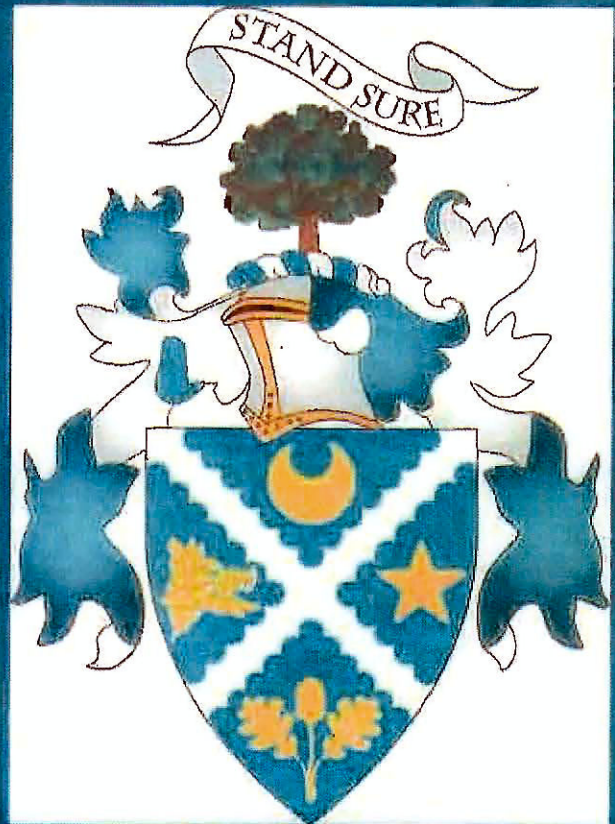
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We Scots celebrate St. Andrew's Day

With many thanks to Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter.

According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother.

However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was

bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland.

In September 1964, Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras. Now, many of Andrew's relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in the Church of St. Andrew in Patras.

St. Andrew is venerated in Georgia as the first preacher of Christianity in that territory and in Cyprus for having struck the rocks creating a gush of healing waters upon landing on the shore.

His saltire cross is featured on the flag of Scotland and is represented in much of his iconography. He is commonly portrayed as an old man with long white hair and a beard, often holding the Gospel book or a scroll.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and

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This year, we are excited to announce the formation of the Rattray Clan Association of the United States and Canada!

Our mission is to connect Rattrays in the US and Canada through events and social media as well as to provide education about both Rattray and Scottish history and traditions.

As a developing association, we intend to benefit members in many ways, including building friendships, knowledge, and memories. Through membership, you will become familiar with the people who make this association special. We value our heritage and view our Rattray Clan as extended family.

We sincerely hope those in the US and Canada choose to be involved in 2023 and beyond.



St. Andrew,
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singers. He is also the patron saint of several countries and cities including Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Patras and his feast day is celebrated on November 30.

Link to Article

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=109>



RATTRAY

We are currently in the planning phase and are working on or have completed the following items: Mission (complete): Society Charter and By-Laws (in process): Rattray Clan Association Logo (name and logo are complete and have a Trademark; Hinshaw Attorneys at Law).

Website (in process and to be complete by February or before; Baldwin Wallace University Hive Design Group) Member benefits and cost (in process).

Event(s): (Association event(s) TBA in 2023).

Also, we will be recruiting officers later (TBA 2023).

You are welcome to email the President and Executive Chairman (Dawn R. Owen-Young) to indicate that you would like to be included on emails regarding our development and <dawnowenyong@gmail.comwebsite activation> at: <dawnowenyong@gmail.com>

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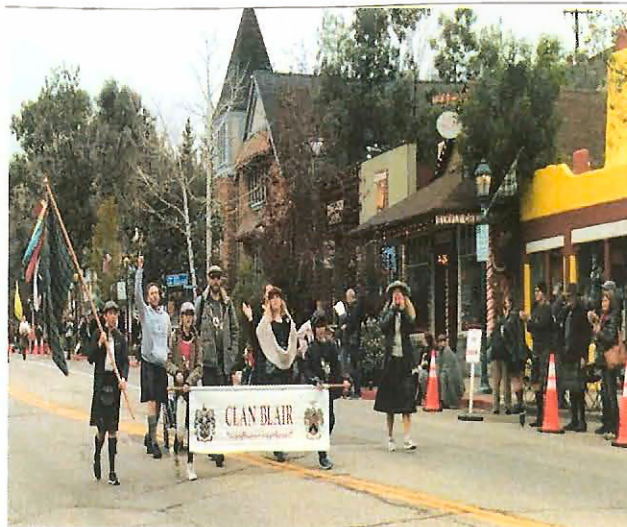
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Some Games for next year! With thanks to Clan Blair

Reservations are required (reservations open December 1, 2022)

- **Tartan Day** – April 1 or 8, 2023 – Ardenwood, Fremont, CA (tentative)
- **Kern County Scottish Games and Gathering** - APRIL 22-23, 2023, Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 South P St., Bakersfield, CA
- **Scottish Highland Games of San Diego** – June 24-25, 2023, Brengle Terrace Park 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, CA 92084
- **Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival**, July 15 - 16, 2023 (tentative), Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey CA 93940
- **Dixon Scottish Highland Games & Gathering** is now set for July 29th at the Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 South First St., Dixon, CA
- **Fresno Scottish Gathering and Games** – Saturday, September 16, 2023, Kearney Park 6725 W. Kearney Ave., Fresno, CA
- **Central Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival** - September 23-24, 2023 (tentative) - Turlock Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock CA.



And, here's Clan Blair at the Estes Park Parade showing their usual classy selves!

Loch Norman Highland Games 2023



April 15 - 16 Huntersville, NC

The Loch Norman Highland Games is presented by Historic Rural Hill, Inc.

IMPORTANT: Clan Sponsorships must be received by March 1, 2023, to guarantee recognition in the program and a tent on the field. The fee must accompany this signed waiver form to insure the tent reservation. Tent location requests will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. The contact person listed must be the authorized representative of their Clan or Society.

Each \$200.00 Clan Sponsorship Includes:

One tent (10x10), one table, and four chairs. One packet containing a program, one preferred parking pass, and two dated commemorative pins. Two Clan Sponsor Badges for the Friday Night Reception at 6:15, plus access to the hospitality tent. Overnight security on the field both Friday & Saturday nights. Golf cart assistance available to the field on Saturday &

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Loch Norman Highland Games, *continued from page 19*

Sunday between 7:00 & 8:30 a.m. (No cars will be allowed on the field.)

Per insurance considerations and requirements, Historic Rural Hill must require a Clan representative to sign a waiver before they may occupy a tent location on the field. The tent location requests for 2023 will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis, and assigned by the Clan Sponsor Committee.

Please designate a representative to bring and to carry your clan banner at the Call to the Clans ceremony at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening. We request only ONE Clan member act as the Clan Representative on the field.

Note - no cell phones are allowed on the field during the Call to the Clans.

The field at Rural Hill is open to Clan Sponsors on Friday to bring materials and supplies to their Clan tents. The Loch Norman Games provide overnight security personnel on Friday and Saturday nights. Cars are not allowed on the field on Saturday or Sunday, but there is golf cart assistance from the Clan Sponsor parking area from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. if you need to move additional materials to your tent.

The Parade of Tartans is on Sunday morning, followed by the worship service near 11:30 am. The Director of the Parade of Tartans is Dave Henderson. Please check in with him at the Clan Henderson tent on Saturday.

The Loch Norman Highland Games is a pet-free event.

Pursuant to Mecklenburg County Ordinance, Rural Hill is now a tobacco-free zone. This includes both smoking, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and other such devices. This includes the campground. This is a Mecklenburg County Law that Rural Hill must follow.

Tent fly policy - The Mecklenburg County Land Use and Risk Management Event Policy for the Loch Norman Highland Games does not permit the installation of personal tents or tent flies. Historic Rural Hill is required to enforce this policy.

The Rural Hill "Making History" tent in the Kid's Zone will issue Passports to Scotland workbooks to encourage children to look at and visit the Clan tents. Clan Representatives are likewise encouraged to reward the children's interest by answering questions

and/or stamping their passports with the Clan's Heraldry.

Best Clan Tent Award displays will be judged anonymously on Saturday and/or Sunday and a trophy awarded for first place based on Sunday.

If your Clan would be interested on holding your AGM at the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games please contact Stacy Phillips, Interim Executive Director of Historic Rural Hill by e-mailing <Stacy@RuralHill.net>.

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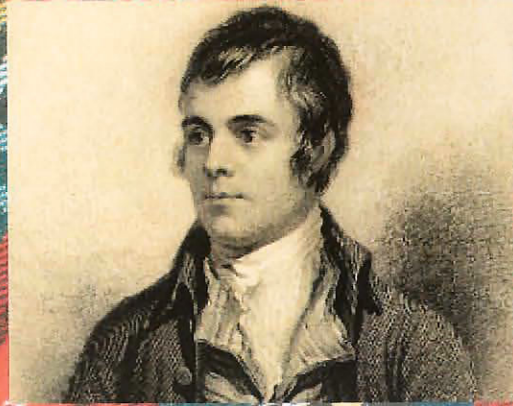


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January 28, 2023

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Come enjoy a traditional Scottish Supper and celebrate the Burns Night, which is held in honor of Robert Burns at Historic Rural Hill. Space for this premier event is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance. A raffle will be held during the evening and there will be a cash bar with beer, wine and Scotch whisky.

The event will include a three course dinner and one pour of Scotch whisky for the toast to the immortal memory of Robert Burns. The dinner will be catered by Savory Moments.

The event will be hosted by Jack Pressley.

The night will also feature live music from piper Phillip Diaz.

Burns Night Suppers are held around

the world in celebration of Poet Robert Burns' birthday on January 25th. The tradition started in July of 1801 when his friends met at his old home to celebrate the 5th year since his passing. A traditional Burns Night consists of haggis being piped in, a three course meal, several drams of whisky and performances honoring Burns' great works.

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History of the clans: Author and historian Simon Sebag Montefiore on why the past is a family affair

SUNDAY POST

Ross Crae

“Those who do not remember their history are condemned to repeat it” is one of the world’s most famous quotes but, ironically, one of the most misquoted and misattributed.

The problem with philosopher George Santayana’s aphorism is that there is not a definitive account and history changes according to who gets to tell it.

Today, in uncertain times, the story of the past is being coloured and shaped around the world to justify actions in the here and now.

Simon Sebag Montefiore has, in his new book, confronted the challenge head-on with *The World: A Family History* charting nothing less than the timeline of humanity: humankind’s achievements and crimes, freedom and tyranny, flaws and brilliance.

Interspersing more familiar perspectives from Europe, China and America with lesser-told stories from countries including Haiti, Congo and Cambodia, he believes the book comes at a time when history writing is finding new voices and beginning to reflect a wider range of stories from Asia and Africa, more racial diversity, and more women.

But he also sees the contortion of history on social media, where prejudices, conspiracies and ignorance create division.

“History has become a sparkwheel,” he writes, “its moral power instantly igniting torches of knowledge and dumpster-fires of ignorance. One has only to glance at the hellscapes of Twitter and Facebook,

hear their borborygmi of prejudices and conspiracies, to see that history is ever more fissile thanks to digital distortion.”

The author explained: “History is an incredibly sensitive and powerful tool. It’s an amazing mixture of different disciplines and has a great power to justify the present, analyse the future and to distort the past.

“We expected the internet to be a great force for

openness and to equalise the world. But it hasn’t at all, it’s exacerbated differences and empowered powerless people in their basements.

“At the same time, it hasn’t proved to be the machine for openness at all and actually one of the great challenges that we have to solve now is how to sort of control and limit the despots of data.

People like Mark Zuckerberg and Elon Musk have too much power. Five people in the world should not be able to make a decision on what we know. That’s a very dangerous situation.”

While a world of seemingly infinite content being created every second may seem like a treasure trove for future historians, Montefiore believes that it just means a mass of nonsense will have to be filtered out.

And digital footprints that can be wiped from existence or held privately don’t quite compare to a pre-online world.

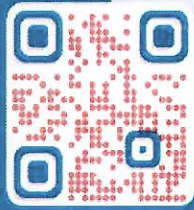
“Nothing will last, there will be very much less on paper,” said the author. “There was a 500-year period in human history which came to an end really when the telephone became universal but it really ended



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in our lifetime with the internet in the '90s.

“Before then, everyone wrote letters all the time and that was just extraordinary, it meant that one could write real biographies of people and really know what they were thinking and what they were doing.

“History may go back to being that kind of guesswork like it was before everyone wrote letters. People still wrote history but it was impossible to confirm it all.”

In Montefiore’s book on Catherine the Great, much was discerned from letters between the empress and her lover, Grigory Potemkin. His work on Stalin also relied on written correspondence.

“What’s tragic is that it’s unlikely, unless there are massive kinds of leaks of information, that we’ll see private correspondences,” he said. “Much of what Vladimir Putin does is probably on Telegram or WhatsApp or in person because people are very suspicious about the security of the internet.

“It’s going to be very difficult to write this sort of history. You’re going to have way too much information, and yet none of it’s really that important. It’s going to be more of a challenge, I think.”

The phrase “unprecedented times” has been bandied around with increasing frequency in recent years following the pandemic, economic crises and war.

But Montefiore believes that what we’re living through is, in fact, preceded and we’ve just reverted to the “usual chaos” after decades of superpowers dominating and maintaining a balance.

What makes the current chaos different to earlier periods is the sheer scale of humanity, and the technology in our hands.

“We’ve increased to a population of eight billion from one billion 100 years ago. That’s unprecedented,” said Montefiore. “Then there’s technology, the internet but really, even more importantly, electricity and healthcare.

“That also includes our most dangerous piece of technology, nuclear weapons, which change everything because there’s the possibility to destroy mankind in a moment. So the stakes are higher in an unprecedented way but the usual disorder has been restored.”

Montefiore’s book was a project started on the first day of lockdown. It looks at how the world has evolved through the intimacy, grit and vividness of family life, charting dynasties across the globe.

He explained: “No one has ever done that before. It’s a simple idea. Human life is still, in the 21st Century and after all the technological advances, based around the basic unit of human existence – the family.

“It’s the one thing we have in common, that goes right the way through human existence. Whether we’re living as hunter-gatherers, or living in great cities and nation states like today, the family is still the centre of human life.

“I’ve used it as a tether to be able to tell the human story in a way I hope is accessible and entertaining but also explains all the great developments of human existence.”

Among the famous surnames appearing across the book’s more than 1,200 pages are the Roosevelts and Kennedys, the Romanovs, Saxe-Coburgs, and the Ming and Tang dynasties.

Montefiore, a close friend of King Charles, explores the lives and dynamics of those power families which have ruled nations and big business throughout history, as well as families of writers, doctors and artists.

“It’s a really good way of looking at history,” explained Montefiore, whose TV work includes *Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dream*, and *Blood And Gold: The Making Of Spain*. “People keep describing it to me as *Succession* meets *Game Of Thrones* and that’s exactly what it is. A lot of it is about the struggles for power, within families or within states, and we’re fascinated by that. Partly we identify with them as sort of distorted versions of our own families.

“A lot of the book touches on dark things like sex, torture, slavery, and empire but it’s also full of poetry, art and literature and is a celebration of human ingenuity and creativity. There’s a lot of beautiful things.”

Montefiore describes the book, which will also



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be the basis for a History Channel TV series, as “the most diverse history ever written”, giving equal treatment to the dynasties of Africa and Asia as the Europeans and Americans that tend to dominate such works.

Also included are a vast array of fascinating tales of women and children, often too left out of the history books.

“A lot of fascinating characters are in here,” he said. “They’re amazing, women like Mary, Queen of Scots, Empress Wu of China and Sayyida the Pirate Queen of Morocco. We’re in an age of female leaders now, and the fascinating thing is that, whether it’s Liz Truss or Nicola Sturgeon, you realise that they are no better or worse than men. It just depends on their personality, which is everything in politics.”

When it comes to humanity’s crimes, Montefiore aims to detail the innocents killed, enslaved or repressed whoever the perpetrators were. His mantra: “Everyone counts or no one counts”.

An expert on Russian politics and history, his book finishes on the day of Putin’s invasion of Ukraine earlier this year. The Russian president is known to have read Montefiore’s previous work on Catherine the Great, and Moscow officials admitted robbing the remains of Potemkin from St Catherine’s Cathedral in the Ukraine city of Kherson last month.

“I’ve got Russia and Ukraine all the way through,” said Montefiore. “Around 400 BC, Darius the Great of Persia invaded Scythia, which is Ukraine, so we start the history really early. At the same time as Henry VIII, a woman called Roxelana was helping to rule the Ottoman Empire – she was stolen from Ukraine and enslaved. She’s probably the most powerful Ukrainian in world history.”

With history so crucial in understanding global events like the war in Ukraine, Montefiore, whose other books include *Monsters: History’s Most Evil Men and Women*, and *Jerusalem: The Biography*, hopes that curriculums around the country start to look beyond a British-centric view of the world.

“Children of the 21st Century need to know a lot more about foreign countries and the world, not just Britain,” he said. “There’s a little-British obsession for English and Scottish history and ignoring the rest of

the world.

“After the last 20 years, we all now know both the crimes and achievements of British Empire. It should be taught and, in my book, I have all the pros and cons of the British Empire in detail.

Today, the challenge is to understand where all this fitted into the world’s history. Brazil, India, China, Russia need to be taught much more so that we understand the world that is happening today.”

