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## New group for all armigers invites you!

The American College of Heraldry has created a new group on deviantArt - <http://heraldry.deviantart.com/>. The purpose of the group is to display personal armorial bearings for individuals worldwide.

Submissions of armorial bearings should adhere to the "standards and practices" of internationally-recognized heraldic entities, including (in no particular order) The College of Arms (UK), The Court of Lord Lyon, the Canadian Heraldic Authority, The Chief Herald of Ireland, as well as organizations such as The American College of Heraldry, The American Heraldry Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society and others. Such submissions should not violate copyright laws, and no artwork submitted herein may be used without the expressed written permission of the armiger represented.

The purpose of this group, without geographic borders, is to allow for the display of personal armorial achievements.

Any submissions should be the property of the individual armiger, and not simply the upload

of random coats of arms. All submissions must be approved before being visible.

Ideally, all submissions will include the armiger's full name, original granting/registering entity, full blazon, date of grant/registration, and name of artist who created the specific achievement.

All achievements remain the sole property of the individual armiger, and may not be published or reprinted without the individual armiger's written permission.

If you are not already a member of deviantArt, it is an especially good resource for artists or those interested in graphic design. Mem-

bership is free, and details may be seen at [www.deviantart.com](http://www.deviantart.com).

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*The Arms of David Robert Wooten.*

There can be no greater good than the quest for peace, and no finer purpose than the preservation of freedom.

*Ronald Reagan, November 21, 1985*

# Nova Scotia Ramsay Commissioner hopes to launch program to get more young people involved in their clan

Wayne Turner, Clan Ramsay Commissioner in Nova Scotia, Canada, is looking for feedback from other members (and friends in the Scottish community) on methods and events planned and held that have helped others attract youth and ignite their interest in our Scottish Culture and Ramsay-Ramsey family gatherings. What worked ... what stumbled and we are definitely open to embracing ideas from our youth to grow our membership.

With Alice Ramsey, our webmaster, Wayne has arranged for a posting on the web-site calling for suggestions and feedback from members on events and techniques they've worked with to attract youth into joining and planning future activities could be one avenue to follow. Visit the web site at <[www.clanramsay.org](http://www.clanramsay.org)>.

"I would be happy to be the posting's contact person" Wayne says. "I believe like others over time's passage that youth is our future. If there are individuals also focused

towards attracting the interest of youthful Ramsays feel free to pass my thoughts in their direction. In calling out to our youth I'm thinking under 50 and definitely those in their 40s ... 30s ... 20s and late teens."

You can contact Wayne directly at <[wturner@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:wturner@ns.sympatico.ca)>

*Your BNFT editor would appreciate the results of this idea search! Almost every clan is interested in engaging the interest of the youngsters.*



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# Newly made Ramsay kilt for sale. A bargain.

Michelle Penman, a friend of Maryland Clan Ramsay Commissioner Rhonda Shackelford, ordered a Ramsay kilt for a wedding and received the wrong color tartan - so Michelle is offering the kilt for sale. She paid \$575 for the kilt, it has never been worn, and she will sell it for \$350. It comes with flashes.

Particulars: 12-13 oz medium weight; size: w 30", seat 34", length 24" (belly button to mid knee); made by House of Edgar.

Ms. Penman says "This is a beautiful kilt and is made to the highest quality however it just does not match our wedding colors and we have been forced to order a replacement."

If interested, please call Michelle Penman at 410-920-5047 or e-mail her at michellepenman@hotmail.com or Ronda Ramsay Shackelford at ronshack1952@gmail.com

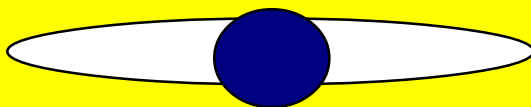
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# Lifetime Achievement Award

## Recipient: Capt. John R. Wallace

The President and Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the high honor of Life Achievement Award has been presented to Council Member and Past President Capt. John R. Wallace (USCG Ret.).

John has served twelve years on the Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide Board of Directors; three years in the late 1980s; and nine years from 2001 through 2010. He served as Executive Vice President for two years, and President of the Society from 2004 through 2006. Significant contributions during John's presidency include: "Established and designed a pewter President's Medallion to be worn by all who have served as President of the Society." Established and implemented the Rewards Program to encourage members to make voluntary donations to strengthen the Society's financial position, and provide funding to achieve the missions and goals prescribed in the CWSW Charter. He has served as Chairman of this program since its approval, which has received over \$25,000 in contributions to date. John was the first contributor and first to attain

the highest reward, "The Circle of Sir William Wallace."

He Established and implemented the Awards Program, which consists of three levels of major awards to recognize good works conducted by Society Members on behalf of the Society and its members. He also developed a series of Certificates to be presented to qualifying Conveners, Directors, Advisors, and Members. " Authored the Recognition Manual and prepared the Job Description to guide the administration of the rewards



and Awards Programs.

John continues to serve as the Recognition Chairperson for these programs.

Wallace Served as Chair of the Major International Projects Committee from 2005 through 2010. With the assistance of other Board Members and Society Advisors, John identified, researched, documented, coordinated, and championed several Wallace- and Scottish significant projects in Scotland, Canada, and the United States.

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One highlight of his efforts was his work with the Rejuvenation of the Wallace Yew Tree in Elderslie, Scotland in 2005. He has traveled several times to Scotland at his own expense to investigate possible projects for the Society.

He championed and coordinated a major By-Laws change that created an Annual Membership category, discount for seniors, and implemented an increase in the Life and Council Membership donations that were realistic and consistent with other clan societies.

These changes were made to stabilize the finances of the Society and prevent the annual erosion of its financial base.

John Wallas has traveled extensively at his own expense throughout the United States, Canada, and Scotland representing Clan Wallace and “Waving the Flag” for the Society. In his three years as President, he visited over 36 locations in 13 states to attend Scottish games, festivals, funerals, gatherings, dinners, speeches, Sir William Wallace commemorations, and other special events.

He assisted the Special Projects Director in writing a series of Handbooks to guide the Board Members in their responsibilities, and ensure the workload would

be evenly shared with all 11 members of the Board.

In addition to his strong leadership and many contributions to the Society, John has been a leader and contributing member of the Scottish community wherever he resided. He is a Past President of the Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society of Danville, VA; the Scottish Society of Richmond, VA; and the Saint Andrews Society of Tidewater, VA.

In January 2005, John was honored at

a Saint Andrews dinner as Tidewater’s “Scot of the Year 2004” for his many contributions to the Scottish community worldwide. He has also been a Fel-



low of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland since 2003. At the Burns Dinner held in Charleston in January 2010, John was installed onto the Board of the Scottish Society of Charleston as a Director.

John has served as a heritage convener/co-convener for CWSW for most of his 23 member years at many venues in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Florida.

He continues to convene at many Scottish festivals across the southeastern United

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# *The Slogans and Warcries of Scotland of Old* - one of those “must have” books

We are delighted to introduce you to this splendid new book by our long-time friend and colleague Andrew Pearson, a gentleman of much knowledge and erudition on all things pertaining to Scottish clans and families.

*The Slogans and Warcries of Scotland of Old* is the first-ever comprehensive study of the traditional war cries of the Scottish clans. It not only records the cries but explains the historical and linguistic background of all which are still known. The book classifies the slogans, which might be as simple as the colors of the tartan (such as “Up the White and Red” of Clan Menzies) or represent some cherished clan relic (such as “The White Banner of Mackay”).

Diverse themes include the clan’s “name”; landmarks which became icons of clan focus; the

mustering places of warriors; the sites of summoning beacons; doughty deeds in past battles; or renowned leaders.

This large-format hardback book is 240 pages long, and features color illustrations throughout.

There is a wealth of information here on the clans that you won’t find in any other one source. *Slogans and Warcries* is a must for the clan tent person, the genealogical researcher, you brave souls who staff the information tents at the Scottish games.

We cannot recommend it too highly. You can order this book directly from Mr. Pearson’s website: [www.scotswarcries.com](http://www.scotswarcries.com).

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**Captain John R. Wallace,**

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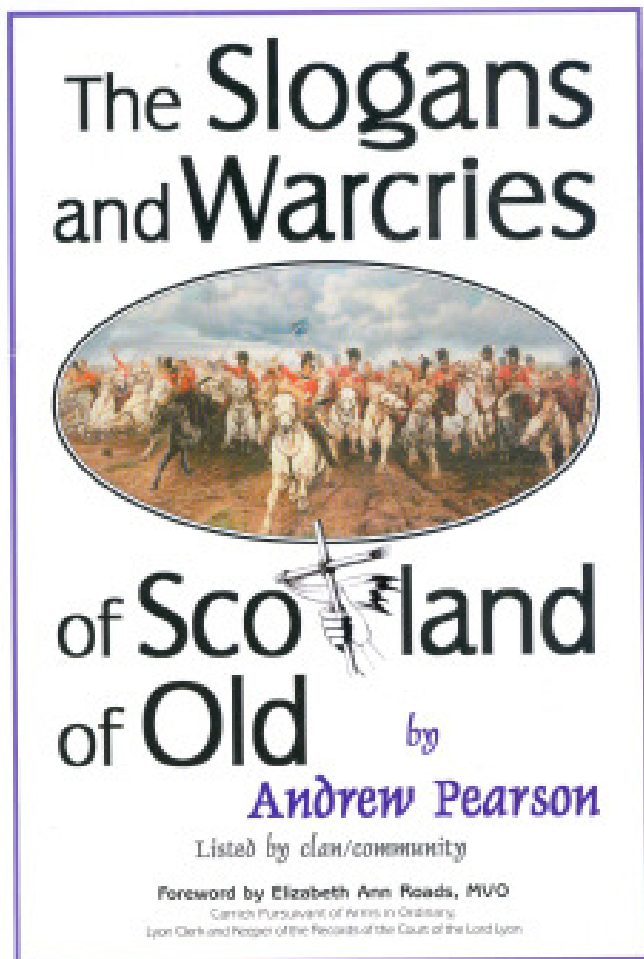
States, tirelessly and effortlessly.

He has attended all six of our International Gatherings, and was on the planning Committees that conducted the Williamsburg VA, Gathering, and the Estes Park (Colorado) Gathering. In addition, John has assisted in the planning and implementation of several others.

During the 2005 Gathering in Scotland, Captain John led the contingent of 52 Wallaces to several monuments and Wallace-significant areas, while participating in the Wallace 700 events commemorating the life of Sir William Wallace.

John has been an exceptional leader in all Society affairs, a devoted contributor to all things Wallace and all things Scottish, and a strong supporter of the Society’s missions and goals.

Without doubt, John Robert Wallace is most deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award.





# *Scots-Irish in the United States & Canada*



**Bryan Mulcahy**, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers, Lee County (FL) Library

The Scots-Irish, Ulster-Irish, or Ulster-Scots, are an Irish ethnic group that originated in Scotland, and to a lesser extent, England. Settlers usually came from the Scottish Lowlands, Galloway, and the Scottish Borders. Descendants are primarily found in the six counties of Northern Ireland where they are known as the Ulster-Scots. In the United States and Canada, they are known as the Scotch-Irish. Most Scots in the Republic of Ireland are part of the Ulster-Scots group and live mainly in and around Donegal.

The Ulster-Scots are strongly identified with Protestantism and, in Ireland, Unionism. Unionists supported the concept of a unified Ireland and Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom versus being part of the Republic of Ireland. The Ulster-Scots were predominantly Presbyterian but also included Anglicans, Congregationalists, and Quakers. In the United States and Canada, Scotch-Irish people tended to gravitate towards the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist denominations.

Upon arrival in Canada and America, they often formed distinctive communities with extremely unique social characteristics

and practices that often set them apart from other ethnic groups. Around 500,000 settlers arrived between 1717 and 1776. They encountered the same harassment by British authorities as had occurred in Ulster and motivated many to leave for the frontier and rural isolated communities.



They disdained the British mandated state church, the Anglican Church in Ulster and all Roman Catholics. Roman Catholics offended them due to “papist traits” and religious wars in Europe which they viewed as an attempt to destroy all forms of non-Catholic worship. These

early Scots-Irish settlers usually referred to themselves simply as Irish, without the qualifier “Scotch” or “Scots”. It was not until the mass immigration of Catholic Irish in the 1840s due to the Irish Potato Famine that they began to call themselves Scotch-Irish to distinguish themselves from these new arrivals.

Scotch-Irish Presbyterian settlers in New England often found themselves on the front line of the French and Indian Wars having moved out into the frontier areas as a result of friction with the Anglicans who dominated the urban areas. They supported

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# *A Highlander And His Books....*

## ***Rebel King, Hammer of the Scots***



### **Book One, A Novel**

Hardback: ISBN 0-9721674-0-4

Paperback: ISBN 0-9721674-1-2

**Written by:**

**Charles Randolph**

**Bruce & Carolyn Hale Bruce**

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

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For those of you who enjoy Scottish novels, particularly historical ones, this is a great book to settle down with in front of a fire on a cold, rainy, winter's night. Get yourself a glass of wine, a wee dram, or a cup of cappuccino to warm your soul. The book will, too! Other than Sir Walter Scott and Nigel Tranter, I normally do not make a habit of reading historical novels, and already you have a heads-up as to what I think about this book. I must confess that I was a little slow getting around to reading it. After all, it is a 407-page book! I take my reading time very personally. I do not casually read a book; I devour it like a leg of lamb or a beer-can chicken from my oft used backyard grill. *Rebel King, Hammer of the Scots* was no exception. I actually found myself eagerly returning to the book until the last page was read. When I had finished

the book, I wished there had been more than the 407 pages. We'll get back to this aspect later in the review.

I was introduced to an interesting man at our Clan Chattan tent last October during the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Charles Randolph Bruce wanted to chat about his book. He spoke passionately and eloquently about what he and his wife, Carolyn, had written concerning "the chronicles of Robert de Brus, King of Scots". In a letter from Mr. Bruce, he described the book as "a fast-paced telling of

the Scottish Wars of Independence, beginning only months after the unjustly and horribly meted out

death of Sir William Wallace, subject of the Mel Gibson movie *Braveheart*." While this is a story informed Scots are familiar with, there are many others who have carelessly

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**For all the information on all the books in the *Rebel King* series go to [www.scotlandrising.com](http://www.scotlandrising.com) where you may learn about the other books and even purchase them!**

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passed it by over the years. Both groups would do well to spend time with this book - the former to refresh their memories and stir their hearts once again, with the latter learning what they have put off far too long. Randolph and Carolyn Bruce have written a wonderful book worthy of the Scottish communities' attention.

Mr. Bruce informed me that the book "started out to be a 'family' story that grew into a 'Scotland' story". From my perspective, this is a book for anyone who enjoys an exciting and jam-packed book of suspense and intrigue. Simply put, it is an exciting, well-written novel. I'm glad I read the book, and I firmly believe if you read the first chapter, you will read the entire book like I did. It ends with the death of "the Hammer of the Scots", Edward I. We learn the story will continue with a sequel



or two. Knowing this action filled account of the heroic Robert de Brus will continue is, to me, the best part.

Professionally, Randolph and Carolyn Bruce are both commercial artists, an added bonus for all readers. Their book is graced with artistic talent at the beginning of each chapter where you will find pencil drawings of the main characters - a very nice touch. Personally, the authors are parents and grandparents like so many of us. But, unlike so many of us, they have portrayed the beautiful story of Scotland's quest for freedom in words and drawings. The good news for this modern man is that the ancient story will continue as this talented husband and wife team weaves their magic formula again.

*See top of page for how to get new books in the series details.*



# Scotland on the Shore - Seaside 2011

How innovative can you be when essentially recreating a storied period of European history? The folks at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA (October 7 - 9, 2011) believe there is no limit and prove it each October at the Ventura County Fairgrounds beside the seaside!

Every year for the past eight seasons has brought new and exciting events for the public to enjoy from the traditional Scottish Heavy Athletics caber tossing (the telephone pole-like log which must be rotated 180° when tossed) to an authentic British brass band performing in concert; from hundreds of Scottish Highland Dancers competing for trophies and scholarships to “America’s Got Talent” championship performers Celtic Spring; and from bagpipe bands drawn from six states to world champion competition pipers playing everything from “Amazing Grace” to “Who Let the Dogs Out?!”

October 7, being Friday before the Field events will find the crowds gathered at the Four Points by Sheraton for a fine Single Malt Scotch Tasting at five pm and “A Scottish Evening” which follows consisting of a fine buffet supper, live entertainment and a Scottish Fashion Show.

These events are available but sell out in the weeks to come.

Saturday noon’s highlighted Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies will be sparked this year with a visit from a true Scottish Clan Chief, the Marquess of Huntly, the “Cock o’ the North” himself, Lord Huntly, Chief of the House of Gordon.

The Gordons have planned several events around this special visitor including a Gala Gordon Dinner at the Top of the Harbor in the Crowne Plaza Hotel to which anyone may make arrangements to attend.

The Chief will declare the Games officially “Open” and to review the many bands and 80+ Clan contingencies as they parade before the viewing stand.

The Fairgrounds’ Main Street—the Games’ “Clan Row” is a quarter mile of beautifully decorated Clan

and Society tents as they would have been in the Middle Ages bazaar setting—all willing and able to assist you with family and Clan histories and genealogy puzzles! It is an addicting search and it never ends!

Sunday continues what was left uncompleted yesterday following a brief but welcoming “Kirkin o’ the Tartans” (blessing) service at Alex Beaton’s Center Stage at 9:45 am with so many enrichments ongoing.

Scottish Country Dance for adults to try, a fine Scottish Fiddle Competition directed and monitored by two time World Champion Fiddler Colin Fischer of the Peat-Fire Flame duo.

Reinstituted at Seaside after more than a ten year absence, the Fiddle Competition will continue both days for your enjoyment. The Children’s Glen has activities for all ages and athletics just like the big folks! A much enlarged Drum Major Competition will please

you with all the skill and color you can imagine.

Of course, three stages of the best Scottish, Irish & Celtic performers that exist today including the very talented Eric Rigler (“Titanic” piper and a ton of other appearances) and his band “Bad Haggis” on the Celtic Rock Stage plus the excellent musicianship of Southern California bands “Anita and the Yanks” and “Sligo Rags.”

The culture can go as deep as you choose with classes in genealogy, Gaelic speaking and singing to an in-depth study of the mysteries of “uisge beatha” (Scotch whisky) with samples, no less! Battle recreators Bydand Forever “channel” the Gordon Highlanders fighting forces and Sara Goodman’s “All Breed Herding Dogs” will amaze you with their natural ability and training.

Food and drink from the British Isles and many unique yard-goods and Celtic products vendors you will find nowhere else will round out the Festival.

See the Games website at [www.seaside-games.com](http://www.seaside-games.com) or call John & Nellie 818-886-4968 for more information. Haste ye back!



# The 56th Annual Grandfather Mountain Games Will Be Held July 7th-10th, 2011, Linville, NC

*Grandfather Mountain Highland Games  
Celebrating 55 Years of Excellence*



## Tentative event schedules for 2011

### Thursday, July 7th

#### **Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding**

4:30 PM Picnic - Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

**Scottish Entertainment** - Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

**Sheep Herding:** Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

#### **7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather** -

This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

#### **More Sheep Herding**

**Torchlight Ceremony:** Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

### Friday, July 8th

#### **7:30 AM The Grizzly Bike Race**

9 AM **MacRae Meadows Opens:** Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open

and other activities will highlight the day.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Highland Wrestling Clinic for children**

#### **Children's Tent and Field Activities**

#### **Harp Workshop**

#### **Sheep Herding**

#### **History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents**

#### **Highland Dancing Pre-Championship**

#### **Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent**

3:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for **Celtic Jam**

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:

7 - 11 PM **Celtic Music Jam Concert** tracing the evolution of Celtic Music from the ancient to the contemporary at MacRae Meadows.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 PM - 12 AM **Scottish Country Dance Gala** - Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

### Saturday, July 9th

7:00 AM **Mountain Marathon** begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous mara-

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# The 56th Annual Grandfather Mountain Games Will Be Held July 7th-10th, 2011

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thons in the nation.

**7:30 AM MacRae Meadows Opens**

**Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins**

**Competition begins for Highland Dancing**

Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.

**Children's Highland Wrestling Competition**

**Sheep Herding**

**Massed Bands on track**

**Opening Ceremonies**

**History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents**

**Children's Tent Activities**

**Celtic Grove Music**

**Highland Wrestling**

**Harp Competitions**

**Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition**

**NC Provincial Gaelic Mod**

**Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session**

**7:00 PM Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae**

**Meadows.** \$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

## **Sunday, July 10th**

**8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens**

**Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration & Clinic**

**Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins**

**9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service** Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin' of the Tartans.

**Children's Border Collie Demonstration** on the main field.

**Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins**

**Parade of Tartans** Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.

**Scottish Fiddling Competition**

Atlantic International **Highland Dance Championship** Competition.

Competition takes place throughout the day

for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.

**Sheep Herding Demonstration**

**4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies**

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# **Elliot Clan Society, USA**

## **Membership Information 2011**

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

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

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For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership it allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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***Boldly and Rightly***





**Brian Mulcahy**, *continued from page 9*

the colonists in the American Revolution and formed a large part of the ranger companies, notably Rogers Rangers. By 1763, the number of immigrants to Canada began to rise. The first significant groups of Canadian settlers arriving from Ireland were Protestants from predominantly Ulster and largely of Scottish descent who settled in the mainly central Nova Scotia in the 1760s. Some came directly from Ulster, others from New England.

After the American Revolution, many United Empire Loyalists joined the established Ulster-Irish who came from Ulster. The United Empire Loyalists were those American Loyalists who fled to Canada and other British colonies after the British defeat. Settlement areas included Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and in Nova Scotia. Scots-Irish migration to Western Canada has two distinct components, those who came via eastern Canada or the United States, and those who came directly from Ireland.

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## Maybe you can help!

My name is **Guy Tuten, Jr.**, and I really need some help with this. I am trying to find my dad's first child. She would be my half-sister. Her name is **MARIE (HARRIS or TUTEN?)**. That is all I know about her. My dad's name was **GUY TUTEN** and he was married to **VIVIAN HARRIS** back in 1944. They had **MARIE** and then divorced. I do know she was adopted by **VIVIAN'S** mother who raised her as her own daughter. **MARIE** did not know about this until her grandmother/mother passed away she found the papers on adoption. She found Daddy's name and called him and talked to him. He never told any of us her full name or anything. He passed away shortly after that. I am trying to find anything I can about her. I want to try to contact her. I know this is a long shot, but, I don't know what else to do. Thank You. **Guy Tuten Jr., 16717 Beach Rd Perry FL 32348**  
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# Flowers of the Forest

**Florence Simpson Bitter Freeman** died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, June 12, 2011 in Greenville, South Carolina at the age of 96.

She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Reginald Freeman, Sr.

She was born November 7, 1914 to Abraham Irwin Bitter and Rebecca Simpson Bitter in New Rochelle, New York.

When Mrs. Freeman was a little girl, her father took her to Yankee Stadium in New York City where she saw Babe Ruth play.

She was a graduate of Mamaroneck High School of Mamaroneck, New York and on May 13, 1937, the University of New York with her degree as a Registered Nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman met while she was a student at the University of New York and Mr. Freeman was working on the construction of the first airport in Larchmont County, New York.

As a favor to a friend - who was too busy in his jam-packed restaurant to leave for a delivery - Mr. Freeman delivered - on a cold, rainy night - a whole stack of take-out pizzas to the nursing quarters of the university. This is when and where he espied through the opened door of the dormitory, the beautiful red-haired Florence for the first time. He decided then and there the then unknown gorgeous redhead would be the future Mrs. Thomas Reginald Freeman!

During this time, he received his private pilot's license and was known to - at least on one occasion - to buzz his plane over the hospital where the future Mrs. Freeman was working. She loved to tell the story of how she and the Director of Nursing went to the roof of the hospital and waved a white sheet at him as he flew over their heads.

They married after Mr. Freeman returned from

service in the United States Army Air Corps, after serving in England, Scotland and North Africa, during World War II.

He was Honorably Discharged in 1944.

Reg and Florence were married until his death in 1990.

Mr. Freeman brought his bride home to Walhalla, South Carolina, where she was employed by the Oconee County Department of Health. Later, she joined the nursing staff at Oconee Memorial Hospital in Seneca.

Her first assignment was to care for expectant mothers who were isolated in the mountains of Oconee County. She drove a surplus Army jeep, provided by the Health Department. She spent several years helping the mountain ladies have their babies.

At Oconee Memorial, she became the Supervisor of the Obstetrics floor. She remained in this position for many years. The last few years of her career, she gave up her supervisory position to work in the nursery with the newborn babies. The little babies were her first love in nursing.

After retirement, she was a nursing volunteer at the Rosa Clark Medical Clinic for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman had two sons: the late Irwin Grady "Bud" Freeman and Thomas Reginald Freeman, Jr.

She is survived by her son, Tom (Beth), of Walhalla and her brother, Irwin S. "Bud" Bitter (Mimi) of Punta Gorda, Florida.

There was a Gathering of Friends at Liberty Lodge, in Walhalla, on Sunday, June 26.

En lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosa Clark Medical Clinic, 210 South Oak Street, Seneca, SC 29678.



*Reg and Florence Freeman on their 1944 wedding day.*



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# ***Border History and Culture***

We have just put together a list of classic books dealing with the history and culture of the Border area between England and Scotland. We have limited the scope of this list to those counties right on the border — Roxburghshire, Selkirk, Peeblesshire, Berwickshire, and Dumfriesshire.

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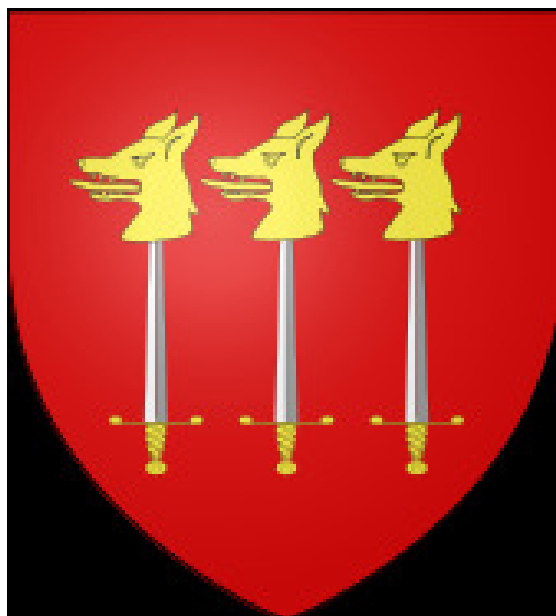
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**The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society** next meeting is 2:00, Sunday, July 9th, at their regular meeting place at the firestation meeting room, St. Simons Island, Georgia. The group will be sharing....a brick wall, a success story or an heirloom. Everyone is always welcome to these meetings. There is no charge.

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# The Other 70%

**Judith Lloyd, president Scottish District Families Association**

In one of my earlier articles I mentioned the fact that the Lowlanders were merchants, farmers, fishermen, writers, teachers, etc. Another occupation was weaving, and a place known for its weaving was the town of Paisley.

When you think of Paisley you think immediately of a type of cloth with a 'tear-drop' design. Additionally many of us associate it with the calico (which is thought to have originally come from Calcutta, India) so popular in the U.S. in the 1700s and 1800's. The Paisley teardrop pattern also originated in the Indo-European areas, but it was modified by European weavers, since the Indian material and items were so expensive. This modified cloth became associated with the weavers of Paisley, Scotland. Hence the name Paisley soon became the name of the pattern. In the 1800s it was very popular.

The town of Paisley is approximately 7 miles west of Glasgow and you can visit the Sma' Shot Cottages, situated appropriately on Shuttle Street, to see weaving cottages built in the 1700s to the specifications found in the history of Paisley. These cottages are open and free to the public.

They consist of two rooms that were used for living area plus a loom or weaving room. One of the original looms has been restored and weaving demonstrations are given on it. The weavers originally wove muslin, silk, and cotton.

Additionally anyone who sews even a

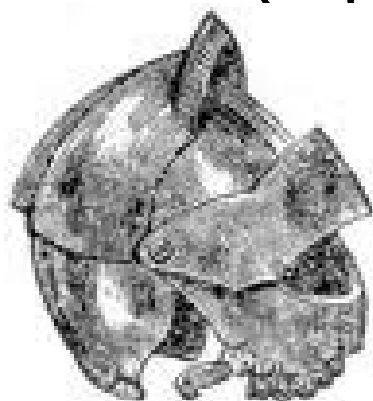
little is familiar with Coats and Clark threads. These started in mills set up by the Coats and the Clark families on the River. It was James Clark who invented the wooden spool for winding and selling thread. Their rivals

were the J&P Coats firm, which was also a textile and thread manufacturer. The Coats family expanded their company to the U.S. and Europe, and eventually merged with their Clark rivals to form Coats and Clark.

In addition to its weaving and thread industries, it was near Paisley where pregnant, Marjory (Bruce) Stewart, daughter of Robert the Bruce and wife of Walter Stewart, fell from her horse, delivered her son, Robert II, in Paisley Abbey, and died there. Robert was the first of the Stewart line of kings. Paisley Abbey had been built in 1145 and though once suffered a fire, it has been restored and is still there today.



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# *Greenville (SC) Highland Games 2011*













# The Whisky Corner

Ray Pearson, Anaheim, CA

*The Whiskymeister*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pebble Beach Food and Wine



For an extraordinary three days, thousands of guests were beguiled by the joy of cooking and sampling extraordinary wines at the Pebble Beach Food and Wine. The Inn at Spanish Bay, The Lodge at Pebble Beach, and the Pebble Beach Equestrian Field played host to 70 celebrity chefs, 250 wineries, two Grand Tastings, and nine cooking demonstrations. Ubiquitous thwacks of golf balls, 180-degree views of whitecaps, rocky shores, and wind-swept beach grass easily make clear why The Links at Spanish Bay are called Scottish-style. Salty ocean breezes are strong enough to raise the nap on a Harris Tweed jacket, and provide great lift for the many sea birds. Pebble Beach is located adjacent to Monterey, CA, a two-hour drive south of San Francisco.

Lexus was a primary sponsor of the event, and took the opportunity to announce the Lexus Culinary Masters Program. In his introduction, Dave Nordstrom, the auto maker's VP-Marketing, said: "We know epicurean pursuits are a passion point for our customers, and we have a well-established history of aligning with premier food and wine events." Premier personalities at the PBFW were the Lexus Culinary Masters – Daniel Boulud, Michael Chiarello, Dean Fearing, Christopher Kostow, Masaharu Morimoto and Michael Symon. The chefs dazzled the audience by preparing food inspired by six distinct tastes, all accom-

panied by Louis Roederer Cristal Champagnes. The chefs' next star turn was at a reception, featuring Champagne Krug. Potato panna cotta, pork skin crostini, salmon pancetta, beef, quail, and chicken were exotically accompanied with sea urchin, lotus chips, Monterey seaweed, and lemon espuma.

Glorious food spanned the alphabet, from abalone omelets to zucchini fritters, and all manner of fish, fowl, and farm animals in between. Tartares, caviars, and ices punctuated the offerings and added texture, color and excitement. Food celebrities presented entertaining demonstrations and offered tidbits of culinary wizardry. Among them, Tyler Florence used an *immersion*

*circulator* (cooks food in sealed plastic bags in a hot water bath at precise temperatures) to slow-cook chicken before coating and deep frying. Guy Fieri ("Fee eddy") regaled the audience with stories while preparing seemingly unrelated food components before assembling all in a

lightning-quick grand finale, resulting in his spectacular Hong Kong Noodle dish. Dan Dunn (of Booze, Blues & BBQ fame) concocted three different cocktails to compliment his twists on barbequed ribs, beans, and mac and cheese. At each demonstration, murmurs from the audience could be heard, as pungent, delectable fragrances wafted

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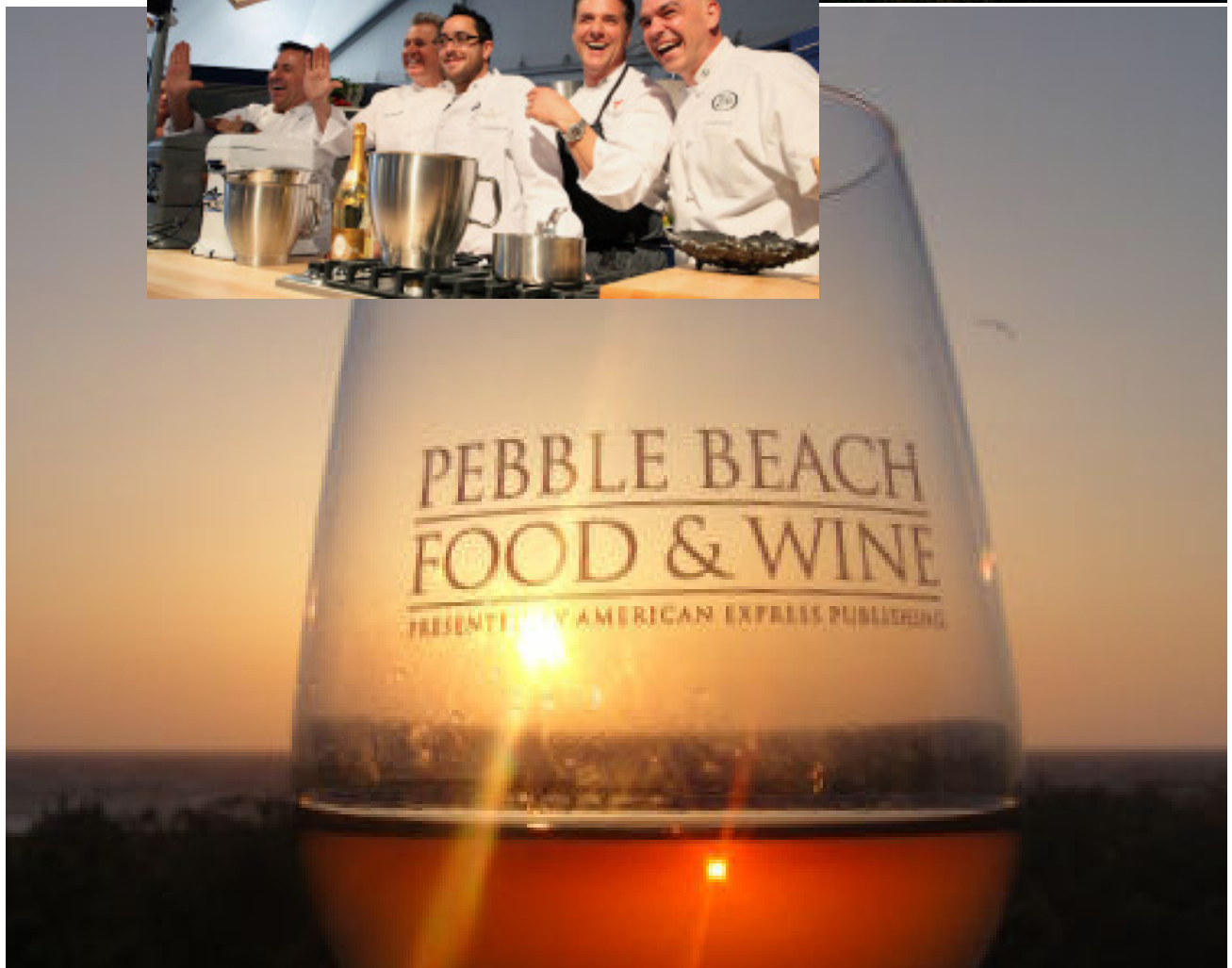
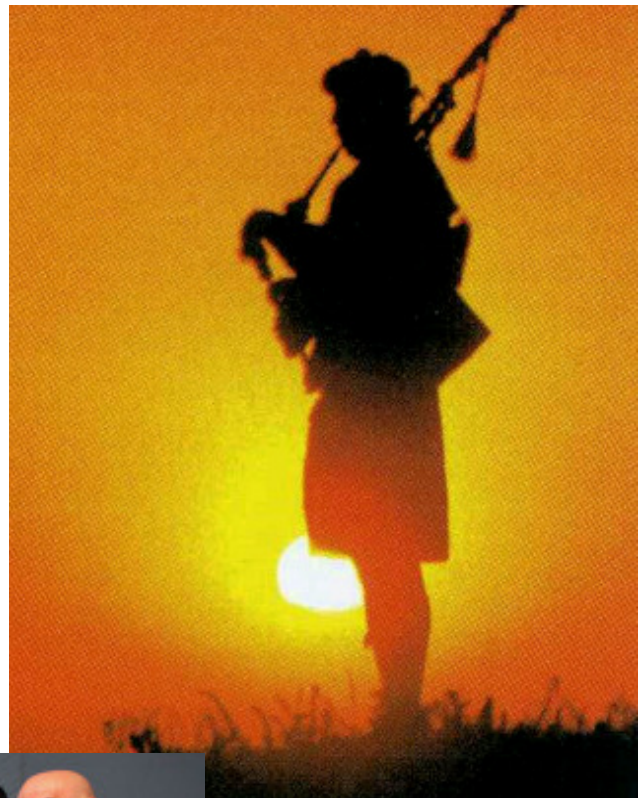
## **Pebble Beach Food and Wine,**

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from the stage.

Whimsy winked its eye more than a few times during the weekend, adding flavor to the meatier aspects of the presentations. Some of my favorites: Chef Michael Chiarello giddily describing his 138 mph ride in the insanely sexy Lexus LFA super sports car on the Laguna Seca racetrack as “like Viagra on wheels”; buttered popcorn (popcorn at PBFW?) seasoned with black truffle salt; Guy Fieri referring to mayonnaise as “food lube”; and the Grand Finale Dinner’s “Egg-Ceptional” dessert. This was Chef Michel Richard’s signature use of trompe l’oeil to fool our eyes. The “eggs” were lemon, meringue, chocolate and ice cream!

Tucked in with over 250 fantastic wines from California and around the world, were two single malt Scotch whiskies – The Macallan and Highland Park.



# Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society Meeting set for 6 July 2011

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting on July 16, 2011 at 1:30 at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Jacksonville, Florida.

The program is: *The Three D's: Deeds, Death and Divorce*. In this talk Debra S. Fleming will be looking at the three ways property can be transferred in America. We will review the history of property transfers from Grants to Deeds and everything in between. We will explore the terminology of deeds and the differences between state land states and public land states. We will discover why the will is just the tip of the probate iceberg and reveal the secrets hiding in your ancestors divorce dockets.

What you may find in your ancestors Deeds, Probate and Divorce records may surprise you!

Everyone is always invited to the JGS meetings. There is no charge.



*Jacksonville, Florida is my home town. I found this photo and just had to use it as it is so great. The picture reminds me of the times my friend, Audrey, and I would rent a canoe on the Cedar River for, I think \$2.00 for the entire day. We'd paddle down the Cedar River into the St. John's River and sometimes we'd make it almost as far as the big bridges. Paddling against the current was memorable.*

*We'd fix ourselves a sandwich and, if we were fortunate to have any money left after the canoe rental, buy a Coke to take along for the day to share.*

*I swam like a fish, but, in those days, you dared not touch the river water. Today, it is clean.*

*We never thought about it being dangerous. It was just fun. Our parents never knew.*

*Your ed.*