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THE KINGDOME OF RAKNAR CELEBRATES THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE 2018 GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES



Forty years ago, Bob Swanson had an idea for an organization which would be made up of friends from all over the world. His dream came true, although his own life was shortened by an automobile accident.

Jim Kilpatrick became the “King of the Kingdome” then, and remains so today.

Many members of the Kingdome came to Glasgow in June, from everywhere, to celebrate the 40th anniversary.

Elissa Hapner wins US National Women’s Championship at Glasgow, Kentucky, 2018 Scottish Games competition - 3 records broken

Elissa Hapner has been declared the US National Women’s Champion after she threw the lightweight Stone for distance 92 feet and 10 inches and the sheaf toss at a height of 34 feet in the Glasgow, KY Scottish Games competition. Both of these results were World Records.

Elissa lives and works in Aurora, Illinois.

She is originally from Tampa, Florida.

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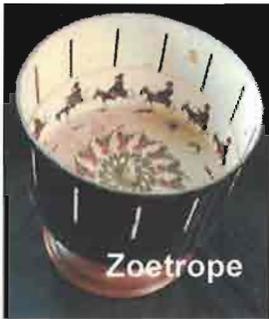
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Established in 1835, the building was originally called *Short's Observatory, Museum of Science and Art* until 1892 when it was purchased by Patrick Geddes and

renamed *Outlook Tower*. Committed to the idea that exhibition is the most exhilarating form of education, Geddes eventually incorporated *Maria Short's Camera Obscura*, and *Camera Obscura and the World of Illusions* was born.

Part of the purpose of the activity center is to provide a better understanding of Edinburgh, and what better way to showcase the city than to enjoy it through telescopes, view cams, and of course, the 360° panoramic view provided by the *Camera Obscura* on the rooftop terrace.

The rest of the building is filled with optical illusions, puzzles, mirror mazes, and a vortex tunnel, providing guests with dizzying alternate realities and tricks on the mind and on the eyes. Visitors are encouraged to get involved with everything, play with it all, and unlike a lot of learning centers, there is nothing in this one you are not allowed to touch.



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BNFT's Russian Correspondent, Mike Buchan reports...

The first day of summer 2018 in Russia! Snow fell in Ufa and Kazan, heating was switched on in Yekaterinburg.



Long Distance Genealogical Research

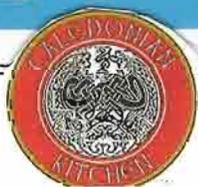
Saturday, July 14, 2018 **Free Class**
 Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy – Reference Librarian – Fort Myers Regional Library, Ft. Myers, Florida - Time: 9:30-12:15 pm;
 South Building 1561 Lee Street;
 Meeting Rooms A & B.

Locating genealogical information about ancestors presents many challenges.

When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it sometimes feels impossible.

This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas.

Contact: Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S., Reference Librarian, Ft. Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901.
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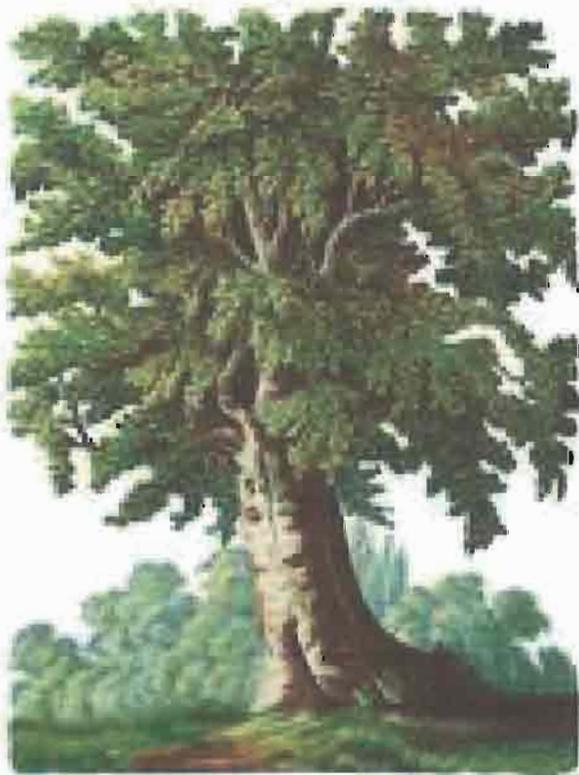


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Confusing birth & baptismal dates

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Church records have a definitive track record for being more accurate than their civil record counterparts. When it comes to dates of birth, the only place some researchers have success locating this information is in church records. This can be especially true when researching children of immigrant ancestors who came to the New World through Canada, or for tracing information before there was a requirement to compile vital records information in the United States or civil registration in Canada, the British Isles, and continental Europe.

One of the most common mistakes that many researchers make, especially when using church records for denominations that practice infant baptism, is assuming that the birth date and baptismal date always occurred within a few days of each other. While this was true in many cases, especially within the Roman Catholic Church, one cannot make the assumption that this was always the case. The actual baptism could have taken place a few weeks, months, or years after the date of birth, for a variety of reasons.

If you are fortunate enough to locate a published history or timeline that details major events during the

specific time and place in question, this may provide clues for finding additional records or overcoming brick walls concerning the ancestor. Sometimes, the discrepancy may be identified specifically in the record itself such as the date of birth, or the exact age of the child. In other cases one can assume from facts, such as four or more children of

the same couple baptized on the same day, that these were siblings born years apart. A scenario such as this may be indicative of a remote or rural area in which the preferred church was a significant distance from the family home. In other cases, the family may not have been able to attend church for an extended time after a



natural disaster, lack of transportation, or perhaps a dispute with the church officials forced them out of the congregation or parish.

The bottom line is -- consider the date of baptism for what it is. Check other record sources to determine what the actual birth date was. While the feasibility of this may depend on the time period and jurisdiction, usually there are other ways of determining the actual birth date.

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spellings.*

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It was a sad day yesterday when **Lois Carson Boyce**, Honourary Life Member of Clan Sinclair Association, passed away.

She had celebrated her 99th birthday last fall, but due to strokes and declining health had been moved into a care facility that serves veterans of the armed services.

She had stopped taking nourishment a few days ago and passed away peacefully. Her daughters were with her constantly providing support the last few days and weeks.

Lois was one of the driving forces supporting the inception of the Western Branch of Clan Sinclair Association - often referred to as a "little dynamo". She was an inspiration to everyone fortunate to have known her, and the word procrastination was not in her vocabulary! I have many fond memories that I will cherish forever. Being her last non-family visitors yesterday is special for Arlene and me.

Lois' many contributions to her community, associations, church, friends and family are legendary. She was fiercely proud of her Scottish roots and particularly her Sinclair family heritage. She will be missed by many.

The end of an era! - Jim Sinclair

David R Graham: Our beloved David, age 80, a resident of London, England, died at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto on September 2, 2017 after a serious stroke at his vacation home in St. Barth on

May 30.

David was the son of the late John and Susanne (Hill) Graham of Ottawa, and brother of John, Ottawa, Anthony Francis CM MD (Shannon), Toronto, and Charlie, San Francisco. He also leaves cousin Betsy (John) Baillie, Wolfville, NS; nieces and nephews John (Elizabeth) Graham, Washington, DC, Alex (Karen) Graham, Toronto, Mark (Catherine) Graham, Toronto, Heather (Bryan) McCourt, Toronto and Suzanne (Darcy) Henderson, Kelowna, BC. He will be missed also by his many great-nieces and nephews.



David grew up in Rockcliffe Park (Ottawa) and attended Lisgar Collegiate, Ashbury College, the University of Western Ontario and Waterloo Lutheran University. He received his MBA in 1964 from the Harvard Business School.

Even in childhood David was an entrepreneur, raising and selling chickens and their eggs door-to-door, along with magazine subscriptions. By age 19 he operated Christmas tree lots while publishing ad-filled desk blotters for Canadian university students.

After Harvard Business School, persevering despite early failures, David applied for cable tv licenses in cities across Canada. David and his partner, Jim Meekison, won franchises in several major Canadian cities. They formed Cablecasting Limited, one of Canada's largest operating systems. In the United States, with the help of important community

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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!

Royal is my Race!

Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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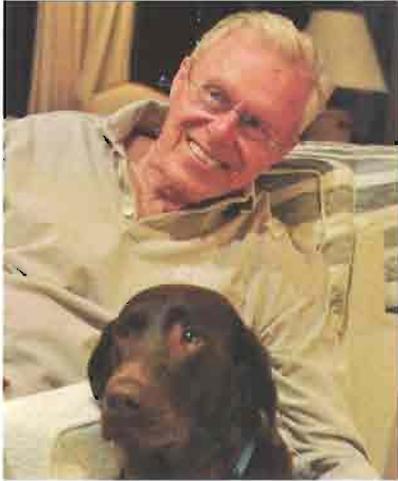


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leaders, they acquired cable tv franchises for metropolitan Atlanta and part of Los Angeles.

David's restless energy led him to move to London, England in 1980. In 1992 he sold his business interests to Shaw Communi-

cations Inc.

David's enthusiasm for travel, property and art led him to many adventures. He created gracious homes in London, St. Tropez and St. Barth and shared them happily with friends and family. He learned and practised generosity.

David's significant anonymous philanthropy affected many communities. As one friend wrote to David during his long illness:

'You have made a huge difference in the lives of so many young people - thousands of people in very real ways - ways that often changed the trajectory of their young lives - without ever expecting any kind of acknowledgement or praise in return.'

The family thanks the Neurotrauma unit staff at St. Michael's Hospital, under the direction of Julian Spears MD, for their skilled and compassionate care of David.

Observances:

*In Toronto a memorial mass on Thursday, Oc-

tober 5, at 11am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church (OLPH), 78 Clifton Road at St Clair Ave East. A reception will follow.

*In Ottawa a celebration of David's life will occur on Saturday, October 7 from 1pm to 4pm at the Memorial Center, Beechwood Cemetery, 280 Beechwood Avenue, with the program beginning at 1:30pm.

*In London, England at a later date.

Please send your memories of David or any questions to davidremembered@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, please support your favorite charity or St Michael's Hospital Foundation, 30 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1W8, www.stmichaelsfoundation.com.



Clan Graham Society AGM set for 2018 Seaside Highland Games

Our Clan Graham Society 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in conjunction with the Seaside Highland Games in beautiful, warm, Ventura, California.

Please mark your calendars and begin planning your trip for October 11-14. Activities begin Friday, October 12 and include a tour to the Ronald Regan Presidential Library and lunch under the wing of Air Force One.

Early Registration closes July 31 and is \$45 per family.

The Seaside Highland Games are held on the seacoast a short ride away from our hotel at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

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Donald MacLaren new Convener of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs



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Steve Quillin, Clan MacLaren Liaison Officer

Effective January 1, 2018, Donald MacLaren of MacLaren has assumed the role of Convener of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Donald takes over from Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, with whom Donald had been working closely on the Executive Committee.

Donald is a former member of the Foreign Service, having served as the British Ambassador to Georgia, as well as being one of the most senior of the Scottish Chiefs. He succeeded his father in 1966 as Chief of Clan MacLaren.

Under the leadership of Malcolm MacGregor the SCSC became much more visible, especially outside Scotland. The Chiefs became more involved with overseas groups and encouraged clan based visits to the Scottish homelands, even securing some small measure of government funding to help host qualifying clan and family events.

We'd like to thank Malcolm for his good work on behalf of Scotland and the Scottish diaspora.

Donald MacLaren is expected to help maintain and increase the visibility of the Standing Council with respect to the interface with the government, but also to provide more focus on some of the issues internal to Scotland.

Donald is keenly aware of the impact of the Internet's "artistic license" by purveyors of Scottish goods as seen by unauthorized adaptations of heraldic crests and traditional tartan goods.

Donald is sponsoring discussions within the SCSC targeted at trying to establish a way in which the Chiefs could sanction, and perhaps steer, their clansmen to acquire goods that are traditional in their appearance and composition.

Donald is also very focused on encouraging the participation of Scots in their own celebration of their clan and family connections.

As we MacLarens know, Donald is a charismatic and substantive leader. He is a consensus builder, a traditionalist, and a wonderful voice for clanship and for Scotland. His nearly 52 years as Chief of the MacLarens will stand him in good stead as leader of the Standing Council.

He has been well respected for a long time within the SCSC, having been selected to give a high profile keynote address on the floor of the Scottish parliament at the 2009 International Gathering.

The Clan MacLaren Society of North America joins the many others in offering our congratulations to Donald in his new role.

We are proud of him, and we look forward to also reaping the benefit of his increased visibility within our community.

For example, Donald appeared this year at the 20th Anniversary Tartan Day Parade in New York City on April 7 and then went on to Washington, DC, where he appeared in several discussion and speaking events as a part of their Tartan Week celebration.

We can't imagine a better person than Donald MacLaren to lead the Standing Council.

While he has always been very active as our Chief, we appreciate him taking on the new duties. This will be good for Donald, good for the Standing Council, good for Scotland, and good for Clan MacLaren.

Well done, Chief, and Creag an Tuirc!

The Clan Macneil Association of America

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2014

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

www.elliotclan.com

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 allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

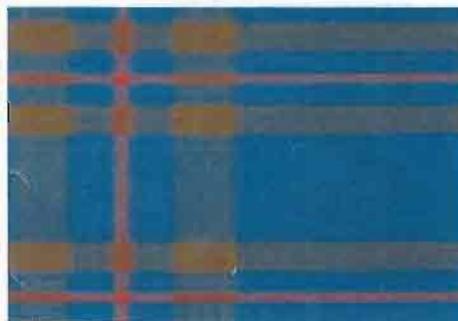
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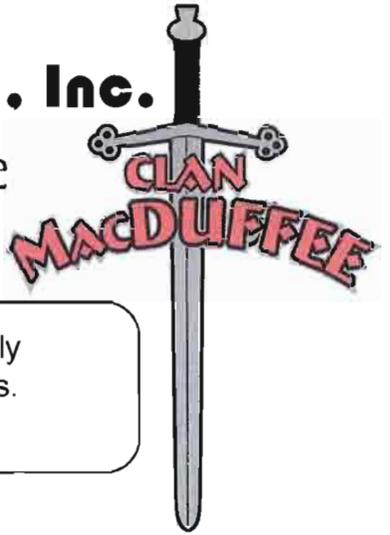


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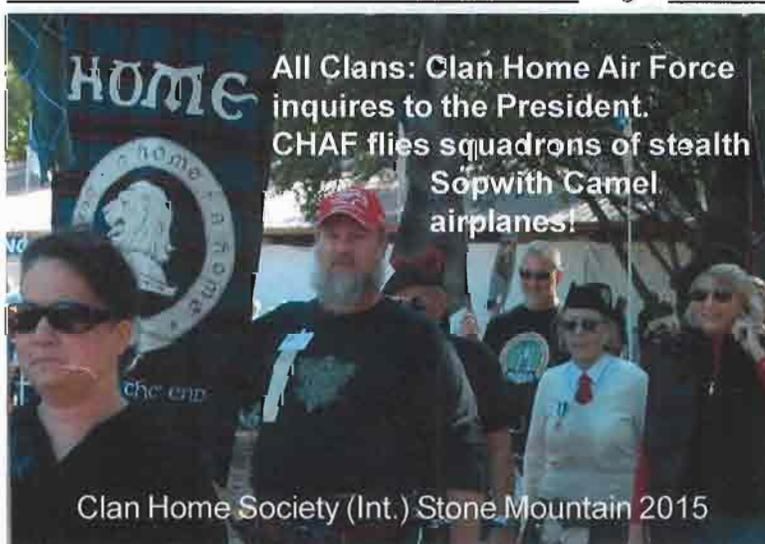


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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

Clan Ramsay Members to Travel to France for the French Scottish Festival at Aubigny sur Nere



At least a dozen Clan Ramsay members from the U.S. plan to travel to France to participate in the annual French Scottish Festival July 14 at Aubigny sur Nère, France. Thanks to the efforts of our French Clan Commissioner, Laurent Jauniaux, James Hubert Ramsay, the 17th Earl of Dalhousie, will attend the festivities.

Why a Scottish celebration in France? “According to an article on the World Wide Web, it all goes back to 1419 during the Hundred Years War. The French dauphin, later to become Charles VII, was struggling against the English in nearby Bourges and appealed to Scotland for assistance.

“Always willing to do battle against the Sassenachs, an army of some ten thousand Scots made its way to Bourges and eventually the war swung in favour of the French. As the war had drained his finances, the dauphin handed over the town of Aubigny to the leader of the Scots, John Stuart of Darnley, as payment for his assistance.

“The Stuart family were highly influential in Aubigny and its surrounding area for many years until the line eventually died out and the whole affair became forgotten in history. However, in 1931, the Scottish connection was brought to the surface once again in the shape of a festival and has been celebrated since then.

“The town’s hotel is named the Cutty Sark and there is an Aubigny tartan, worn regularly by many of the male inhabitants of the town, several of whom play in the town’s pipe band.”

With thanks to *The Ramsay Report*, newsletter

The Scottish Saltire fluttering in the wind in front of the Aubigny Hôtel de Ville-Stuart Castle at Aubigny sur Nere.

of the Clan Ramsay International, Inc. To contact Clan Ramsay, email <rramsey6@bellsouth.net> or Dick McGraw at <dick2016@me.com>

A Queen is crowned at Maryville by Clan Ramsay!



Many, many years of Clan Ramsay work have resulted, at last, in the crowning of Dot Bailey!

Queen Emeritus, Dot Bailey, having received her crown and ermine (fake)-trimmed robe, is presented flowers by Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas Commissioner Ronda Ramsey Shackelford. David Ramsey, Clan Treasurer and Membership Chairman, assisted in the crowning



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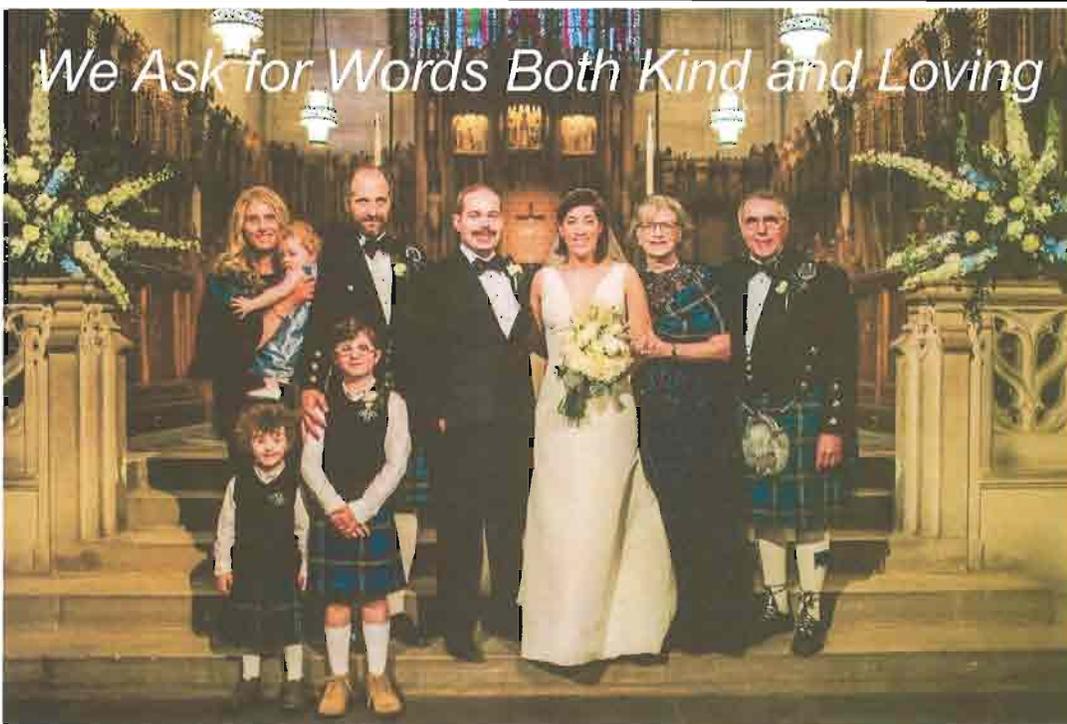
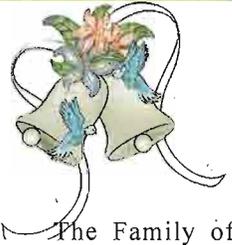
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Ramsay Clan Chief in attendance at Queen's Garden Party



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Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh host a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, July 12, 2017. The Clan Ramsay Chief is pictured behind and to the Queen's right.



The Family of the Bride: From left to right: Ford Ramsay, Angus Ramsay, Margot Ramsay, holding Georgia Ramsay, Carter Ramsay (family); David Scott Coccarelli, Elizabeth Ramsay Cocarelli, Sue Ramsay, and John Ramsay

Elizabeth and David were married in the Duke University Chapel, Durham, North Carolina at 12:00 Noon on April 28th 2018.

The father of the bride is recovering nicely

With thanks for both photos on this page to *The Ramsay Report* of the Clan Ramsay International, Inc. To contact Clan Ramsay, email <rramsay6@bellsouth.net> or Dick McGraw at <dick2016@me.com>



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If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

The 63rd Annual

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

will be held July 12-15, 2018
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The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is now accepting Camping Registration, Patron Donations and Ticket Orders for the 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

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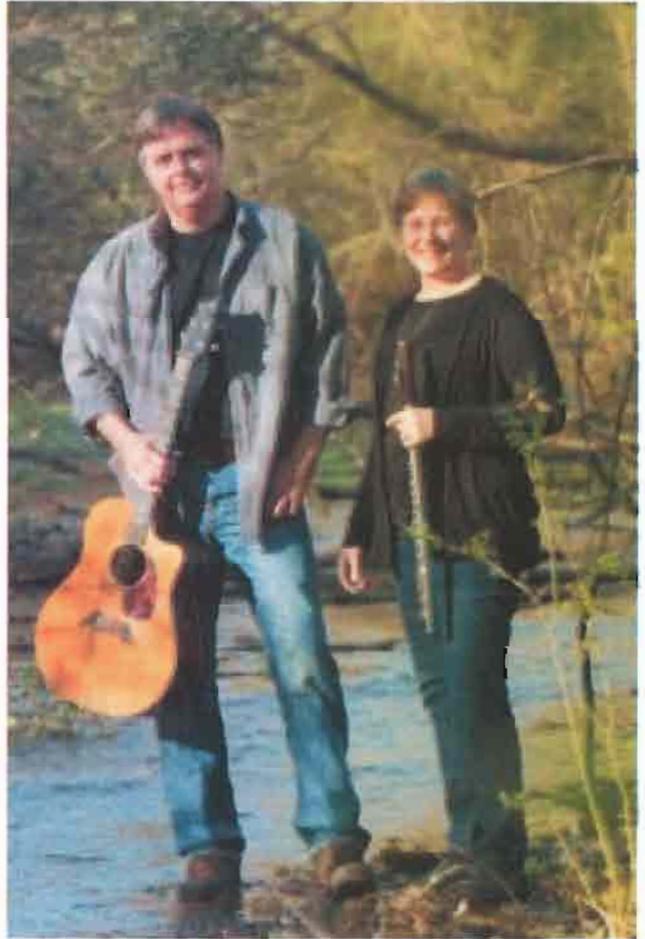


From top clockwise: Piper Jones Band, Scottish Octopus, Seven Nations, Ed Miller, Alasdair White..

Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and the Celtic Rock Concert. For details: visit <<http://www.gmhg.org/events.htm>>



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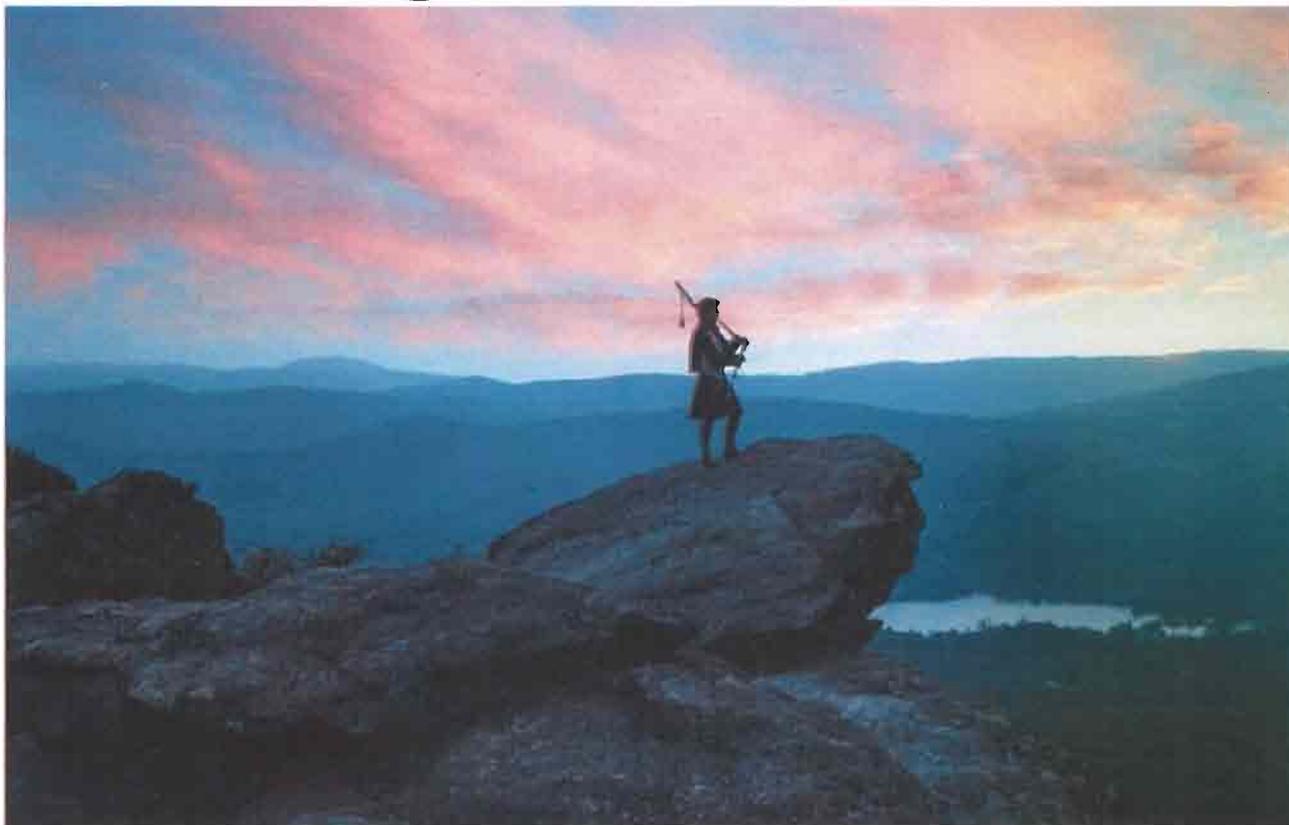
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From top clockwise: Seamus Kennedy, Atlantic North, Chambless and Muse and Rathkeltair. Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and Celtic Rock Concert.

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The Mountain Marathon and The Bear

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The Bear: Assault on Grandfather. This five-mile footrace climbs 1568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather Mountain.

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For camping general information, camping fees and more information, along with a registration form, visit <<http://www.gmhg.org/camping.htm>>

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'Scotland's Early Silver' exhibition goes on tour! Look for the exhibit:

* Kirkcudbright Galleries, 7 July - 30 September 2018

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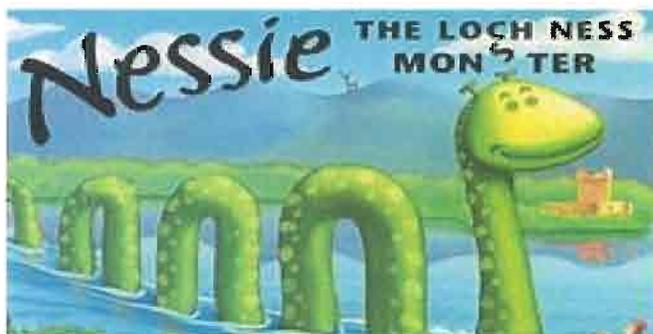
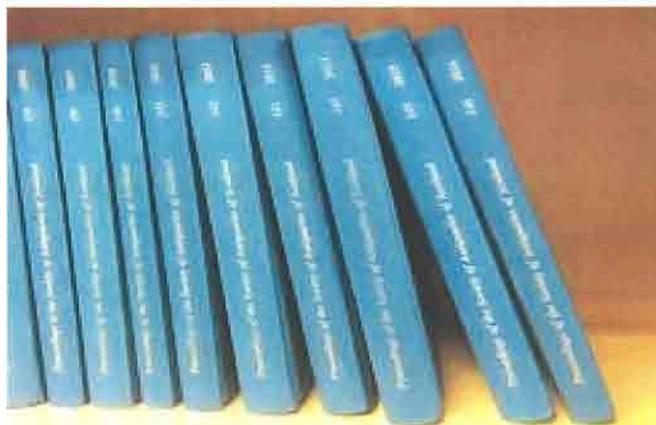
Call for Papers for the conference Ruralia 2019 which will focus on "Seasonal Settlement in the Medieval and Early Modern Countryside" Stirling (Scotland, UK); 9th – 15th September 2019.

Titles and abstracts of not more than 200 words, with the name and affiliation of the contributor should be sent to Piers Dixon (piers.j.dixon@gmail.com) before 10th September 2018. Please download the Information and abstract form.

Fellows' News

We would like to congratulate Professor James Stevens Curl, DiplArch, DiplTP, PhD, MRIA, FSA Scot for the award of the President's Medal by the British Academy last autumn. It was in recognition of his contribution to the wider study of the History of Architecture in Britain and Ireland, through publications on a vast number of topics.

The Medal is presented to scholars for 'outstanding service to the cause of the humanities'.



For hundreds of years, visitors to Scotland's Loch Ness have described seeing a monster that some believe lurks in the depths.

University of Otago (New Zealand) professor Neil Gemmell says he's no believer in Nessie, but he wants to take people on an adventure and communicate some science along the way.

Gemmell said that when creatures move about in water, they leave behind tiny fragments of DNA. It comes from their skin, feathers, scales and urine. He said his team will take 300 samples of water from different points around the lake and at different depths. They will filter the organic material and extract the DNA, he said, sequencing it by using technology originally created for the human genome project.

He said the DNA results will then be compared against a database of known species. He said they should have answers by the end of the year.

Details may be found in an Associated Press article at: <http://bit.ly/2GIB9KA>.

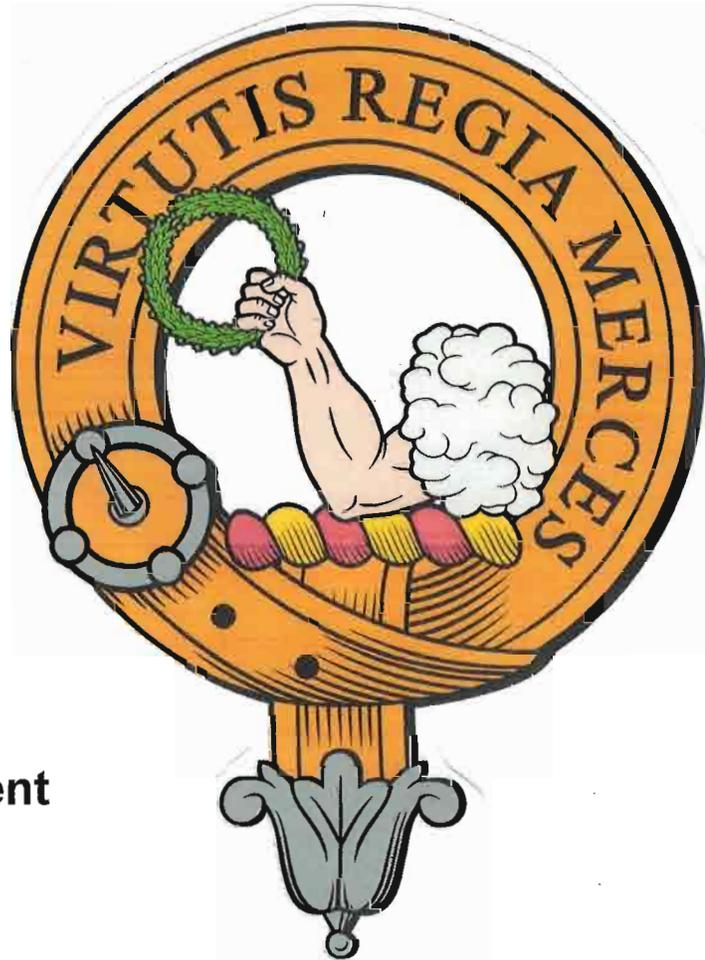


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How North American Bison Ended Up in the Swiss Alps

Lina Zeldovich

On the drive from the airport into Geneva, Switzerland, you may spot creatures roaming the fields that seem out of place. The hulking figures are too large to be the archetypal cows of the lush Alpine meadows, they're far more agile, and they sport large humps on their backs. They look eerily similar to North American buffalos, and with good reason: They are the very same animals. But how did they find their way to the Swiss Alps?

Years ago, a young man from a Swiss farming family, Laurent Girardet, ventured to Alberta, Canada. He went to participate in an exchange program, work on a farm, and learn English. During his time there, he unexpectedly fell in love with the bison (the term "buffalo" is often used interchangeably, but in Switzerland they are known as bison, as their scientific name is *Bison bison*). "I always liked big spaces and everything related to bison," Girardet says.

He also liked the idea of raising animals naturally—that is, on pasturelands rather than in enclosures, and on a grass diet rather than one bolstered by antibiotic supplements. Compared to Switzerland's domesticated cows, bison were robust and healthy, too. So he resolved to raise them instead. "We decided to walk away from traditional dairy cattle, to turn ourselves to something more natural and extensive," he adds.

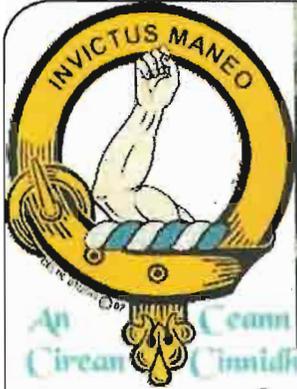
When Girardet first shared his plan to sell his cattle herd and replace it with bison, his fellow farmers thought he had lost his mind. No one had ever tried to raise these animals in Switzerland. What's more, no regulations existed for bison farming, nor for the imports necessary to sustain them. Girardet's paperwork for the unusual cargo especially confused authorities. "Getting the Swiss authorities to sign off on importing bison was quite a tough job," he recalls. "It was the first time someone wanted to import bison for another purpose than putting them in a zoo."

Still, Girardet pressed on. He travelled to several United



States ranches in South Dakota and Wyoming, and to a buffalo stock show in Denver, to choose the bison. Once he bought his initial stock in the early 1990s—several ten-month-old calves—they were in for a long journey. First, the bison travelled to Wisconsin to go through a quarantine. Then came a long flight from Chicago to Zurich. From there, they traveled to Geneva on a truck, and then arrived in the Alps.

Today, Girardet owns a herd of 150 bison, and 35 to 40 of those are butchered every year. Calves are born every spring, he says. Behind the wire fence where he stands, a young, light brown-tinted calf nuzzles on its mother. Girardet—who is tanned and lean, with a mop of salt-and-pepper curls—extolls on how bison are easier to care for than cows. They are sturdy, healthy wild animals that rarely get sick, and don't have to be corralled for winter, either. Bison eat grass in summer and hay in winter, as opposed to cows, who are often fed grain, corn, or soy to fatten them up.



The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons and those interested in these surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

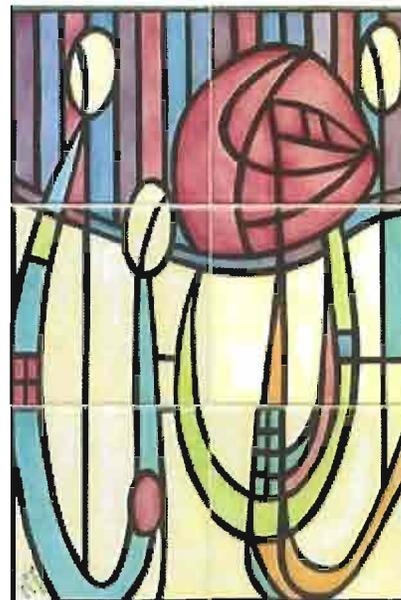
For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>. Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Restoring Glasgow's tea rooms to their art nouveau glory

On the 150th birthday of its designer, a famed tea establishment reopens.

Anne Ewbank

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Two things separated pioneer Charles Rennie Mackintosh from other Scottish artists, wrote fellow architect Hermann Muthesius in 1905. One, he was the best Scottish artist of them all. Two, “[most] Scottish artists, if they are wise, early leave their homeland to seek fortune in London.” But Mackintosh had stayed and made Glasgow “one of the most beautiful cities in the world.” He earned that high praise by designing the Glasgow School of Art, the Hill House home, and, perhaps more importantly, several of Glasgow’s famed tea rooms, one of which is now being fully restored and reopened.

The Willow Tea Rooms have always stood out. In 1903, Mackintosh was commissioned to design nearly every component of the establishment on Sauchiehall Street. The tea rooms belonged to quirky entrepreneur Catherine Cranston, who was better known as Kate or “Miss Cranston.” Her tea rooms were temperate gathering places, an alternative to the pub. At the same time, Glasgow had become a seething artistic hub, and Cranston was a patron to artists.

While Mackintosh had designed Cranston’s tea rooms before, the Willow Tea Rooms were different. Mackintosh designed the building, the fixtures, the

furniture, and even the waitresses’ uniforms. Past the building’s undulating facade, a gallery, a billiards room, and three salons, including the famed Salon de Luxe, spread across three floors. Customers could choose where to take their tea.

The Salon de Luxe stood out most. Intended as a space for ladies to dine on their own, it cost an extra penny. But diners could walk through opal-inlaid doors carved with roses, sit upon silver chairs, tall in Mackintosh’s signature style, and gaze on elegant glass chandeliers. The gesso print on one wall, titled “Oh ye, oh ye, who walk in Willow-wood,” was the work of Margaret

Macdonald, Mackintosh’s frequent collaborator and wife. The rest of the tea rooms were nothing to sneeze at, either. Sauchiehall means “willow meadow,” and Mackintosh incorporated willow motifs throughout the building with his typical attention to detail—something that may have contributed to his eventual architectural burnout.

Nevertheless, Mackintosh was an artist his entire life. He was a member of the Glasgow Four, an iconic artistic group consisting of sisters Margaret and Frances Macdonald, as well as James Herbert Macnair. The four met at evening classes at the Glasgow School of Art in the mid-1890s and formed

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creative and romantic partnerships: Frances married Macnair, and Margaret married Mackintosh. (Margaret collaborated with Mackintosh on many tea room designs.) Through their often-combined efforts in architecture, design, glasswork, metalwork, and drawing, the Four formed a cornerstone of Art Nouveau, or “new art.” Their “Glasgow Style” of muted colors, motifs from nature and ancient art, and geometric designs was influential, if often misunderstood. Their eerie designs inspired the group’s alternative name: “the Spook School.”

The Willow Tea Rooms became a destination, a place to see and be seen, and Cranston’s business helped foster both artists and a thriving tea room culture in Glasgow. But after a brief window of fame in the British Isles, the Glasgow Four’s star faded. According to an essay on Margaret and Frances Macdonald, appreciation of Mackintosh’s work coalesced in Germany and Austria, not in Glasgow. Though Muthesius lauded him for his connection to the city, Britain made life difficult. While living in Suffolk during World War I, he was even accused of spying for Germany. Mercurial, a hard drinker, and obsessive, Mackintosh stopped getting architecture commissions and turned to painting and watercolors. When he died in 1928, his collected sketches and drawings were only valued at £88.

Cranston, on the other hand, sold off her tea rooms when her beloved husband died in 1917.

The Willow Tea Rooms site housed other tea rooms, a department store, and a jewelry store over the years.

It was a Mackintosh-themed tea room in 2014 when the landlord went into receivership.

As a result, the building was purchased by businesswoman Celia Sinclair.

Under the newly formed Willow Tea Rooms Trust, the building was renovated, undoing changes made over the years, while preserving the original elements that still exist.

Even the vintage paint on the walls and the finishes on chairs were analyzed so they could be reproduced.

According to Trust representative Maggie Maguire, the Tea Rooms have been restored as close as possible to their 1903 state. The cost was 10 million pounds, a sum indicative of how much appreciation of Mackintosh’s work has increased since his death.

June 7, 2018, would have been Mackintosh’s 150th birthday. The Trust held a gala event, showcasing the 420 pieces of commissioned Mackintosh-style furniture, the restored bay window, and the resplendent Salon de Luxe, with its recreated blown glass chandeliers. The event, though, was merely a preview. In fact, Maguire and other staff moved in all the furniture early in the morning. The actual soft opening is scheduled for July 2.

The space has been renamed “Mackintosh at the Willow” (the former occupant won a trademark for “the Willow Tea Rooms”).

In its restored state, it will serve a number of purposes.

The Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society will run tours out of the new visitor center next door. An educational center will detail the rise of Glasgow’s tea rooms, and the Trust is planning artistic classes in the style of Mackintosh. But most importantly, tea will be served. Not only afternoon tea and high tea, but meals, snacks, and (somewhat ironically given Miss Cranston’s temperance ideals) drinks.

The Willow Tea Rooms are a vital example of an influential architect and artistic movement. Many of the other Cranston establishments have disappeared, and Mackintosh’s other masterpiece, the Glasgow School of Art, suffered a devastating fire in 2014.

While fame proved ephemeral for the Glasgow Four, the Mackintosh at the Willow will hopefully showcase Glasgow Style for years to come.



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Clan Blair wins First Place Medal for Best Clan Tent at Victoria



The new Blair Banner

Bill Blair from Oregon, wrote in *The Blair Bruidhinn*, publication of the Clan Blair Society, that their brand new Blair banner (See left) drew much attention to their clan tent and that the Clan Blair Society won the award for the Best Clan Tent! - -

Sixteen clans were represented at the games.

Highlights of the games included the VIP Reception on Saturday night held in the Officers' Mess at the Bay Street Armoury and the torchlight ceremony on the steps of the Parliament Building.

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World Records at Glasgow, KY, Highland Games, *continued from page 1*

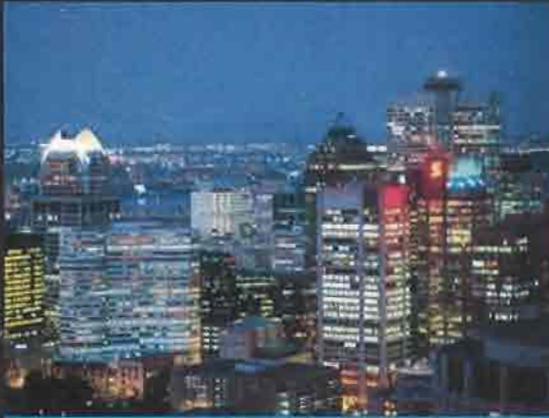
Denise Green set a new world record with her effort in the weight for height catetory with a throw of 21 feet 1 inch.

Ten athletes from all over the United States competed at the Glasgow Games.

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