

Urgent repairs are needed at Burns Cottage in Alloway

The National Trust for Scotland is seeking help to fund repairs to Burns Cottage in Alloway, Ayrshire, before it is damaged beyond repair.

The cottage was built in 1757 by Robert Burns' father, William Burness, but centuries of Scottish winters have taken their toll with the roof, walls and chimney in desperate need of specialist attention.

Caroline Smith, Operations Manager at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum said: "At the back of the home the traditional thatched roof has developed significant tears and has worn away.

"Towards the front, moss is also beginning to grow, collecting rainwater and rotting the thatch underneath.

"The north-west gable is starting to crack, let-

ting the wind and rain in and damaging the interior plasterwork."

Robert Burns, the world's best known Bard, was born in the cottage in 1759 and it was here just

five years after his death that close friends of his hosted the world's very first Burns supper.

The cottage has been in the care of the National Trust for Scotland since 2008, but the conservation charity is seeking the help of Burns

lovers to secure the future of the cottage.

The charity needs to raise £100,000 to save the property.

By giving just £15, donors can help fix the north-west wall; £35 will help restore a patch of

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Saddell Abbey Grave Slabs

The carved medieval stones stand near the ruined abbey's parking lot.

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Saddell Abbey is little more than a heap of ruins. But though the site is a stony shell of its former self, it still holds wonderful treasures from its past.

Just before you approach the ruins, you'll come across a dozen large, carved stones safely nestled within a shelter built to protect them from the elements. These enormous grave slabs, which date from the 14th through 16th centuries, are a sight to behold.

Each slab features an effigy of the body once buried beneath it. Stand before the mighty markers, and you'll spot depictions of what look like

lords donned in full armor, knights, and priests. It's believed that the largest of the four stones were carved on Iona, an island home to one of Western Europe's oldest centers for Christianity.

Saddell Abbey itself dates to 1160 CE. It was all but abandoned by the second half of the 14th century, though burials continued to take place. The site also contains a holy well, which trickles into a 19th century stone basin.

Park for free at Saddell Village then follow the signs. Entry to the ruined abbey and stone shelter are free.

American Scottish Foundation, New York, NY

Tartan Week Calendar :

Save the Dates - Event Registration opening shortly



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd : 6pm

The American-Scottish Foundation in collaboration with the Carnegie Corporation
The Life & Impact of Andrew Carnegie on the Building & Shaping of New York

-Talk & Reception

COST: Registration required

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

americanscottishfoundation.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th : 12.30pm

The American-Scottish Foundation presents
Tartan Day Observance -

Bryant Park Fountain Terrace

COST: **Free** - This event is for all the community to enjoy

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

americanscottishfoundation.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th : 3pm

American Scottish Foundation &

NY Genealogy & Biographical Society

Prof. Marjorie Harper - *The Great Migration*

COST: Ticket details to be announced

Program in development

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

americanscottishfoundation.org



SATURDAY, APRIL 6th : 11am

American-Scottish Foundation presents
The Pipes & Drums on the Fountain Terrace,
Bryant Park

COST: **Free** - This event is for all the community to enjoy

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6th

As a member or friends of the American - Scottish Foundation, you may march with us -
Please email us at

americanscottishfoundation@gmail.com

For those who have registered to march, The Parade starts at 2.00 pm at West 45th Street and marches up 6th Avenue to 55th Street. Line-up is at 1:00 pm and will be on the side streets near 6th Avenue and West 45th street. Refer to the Line of March to see the position of each unit in the parade and exactly where they are to line up.

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Membership : If you are not yet a Member of the American-Scottish Foundation we invite you to join and take advantage of all that the Foundation offers. Visit this website to join:

https://americanscottishfoundation.com/membership/index.html?utm_source=ASF+February+Event+News+to+our+Members+%26+Friends&utm_campaign=Winter+Events&utm_medium=email



Link: http://nyctartanweek.org/events-2/tartan-day/?utm_source=ASF+February+Event+News+to+our+Members+%26+Friends&utm_campaign=Winter+Events&utm_medium=email

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American - Scottish Foundation Post Parade Gathering for ASF Members & Guests - Details to be announced shortly. By invitation.

If you are a group wishing to march under your own banner please visit the official Parade website & register there - LINK (See above under New York City Tartan Week graphic.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th : 12.30pm

American-Scottish Foundation presents *Scotland on the Fountain Terrace*, Bryant Park
COST: **Free** - This event is for all the community to enjoy

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
americanscottishfoundation.org

MONDAY, APRIL 8th : 6.30pm

American-Scottish Foundation presents *A Taste of Scotland with Words & Whisky*, featuring Scotland's National Chef & winner of BBC's 2016 MasterChef -The Professionals
COST: Ticket details to be announced
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Ticket Prices: \$20: Members of the Irish Cultural Center & McClelland Library.

\$25: Non-Members

\$30: At the door.

Funds raised will provide and improve access to dynamic Irish culture, arts and education for people of all ages and backgrounds. To learn more, visit www.azirish.org/, or call us at (602) 258-0109. The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are located at 1106 North Central Avenue in Downtown Phoenix.

David Allen Lambert Library opens in Massachussets

Brockton, MA: The Friends of Irish Research is pleased to announce its partnership with the Alliance of Massachusetts Genealogists in the opening of their enhanced research library located at 899 North Main Street, Brockton, MA. Often times the naming of something is a difficult choice and

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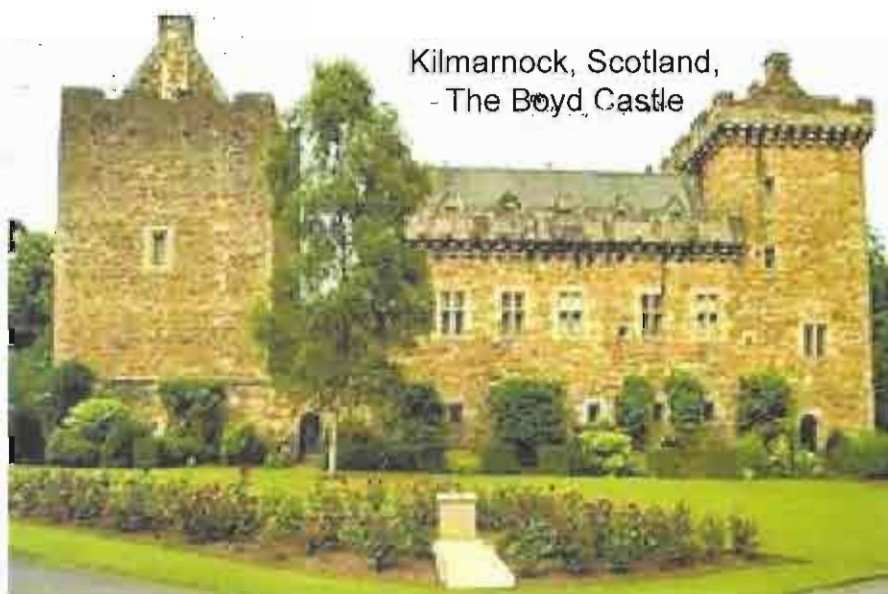


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The National Wallace Monument to unveil new look during 150th year

Stirling - The National Wallace Monument has released new visuals that show how its exhibition galleries will be completely transformed as part of a £1m+ investment scheme now underway in the Scottish landmark's 150th anniversary year.

The Monument's new look interior, funded by Stirling District Tourism (the charity responsible for running the popular tourist attraction) at a cost of over £500,000, will feature fresh interactive activities, an immersive film and enhanced foreign language content set across its three galleries.

The state-of-the-art refurbishments, managed by Edinburgh-based design consultants Studioarc, have been designed to tell the story of Scotland's national hero better than it has ever been told be-

fore, and to appeal to the diverse visitors that the Monument attracts from across the world.

Filled with fascinating historical information

and exciting new insights, the displays will give focus to the story of the Battle of Stirling Bridge, where Wallace's army famously defeated English forces in 1297. A detailed reconstruction has been created with expert guidance to show visitors how Stirling would have looked at the time of the historic battle. Wallace's



A visual showing the Wallace Sword and new film animation in The Hall of Arms, the first floor exhibition gallery in The National Wallace Monument.

pivotal role in the Wars of Independence will also be told through a powerful animation created by Glasgow-based ISO.

The Hall of Heroes will be updated with the addition of two new busts depicting Scottish heroines Mary Slessor and Maggie Keswick Jencks.

Other elements will be introduced specifically to engage children in history, including a superheroes quiz and a 'making arms' interactive shield design activity.

The National Wallace Monument is closed now to accommodate the extensive interior refurbishment as well as the ongoing conservation work to the exterior of the building, reopening this spring with the promise of a brand-new visitor experience.

Speaking about the interior refurbishment, Stirling District Tourism Chair, Zillah Jamieson, said: "This investment is so important as it helps to ensure that The National Wallace Monument remains an exciting and relevant tourist destination for visitors across Scotland and internationally, as

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David Allen Lambert Library,

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for someone who is no longer with us. This is not the case for us. We are thrilled to be able to introduce you to the David Allen Lambert Library. David is a good friend of the organizations here in Brockton and a name that is synonymous with genealogical and historical research here in New England.

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Wallace Monument refurbishment, *continued from page 9*

well as ensuring that Wallace's legacy is preserved for years to come.

"The new exhibition displays make great use of the space inside the Monument, and they will create an enhanced experience for all of our visitors. It is thanks to the positive increase in visitor numbers over the last four years that we are able to upgrade the interior displays and improve the overall visitor experience."

In addition to Stirling District Tourism's self-funded investment of over £500,000 for the interior refurbishments, Stirling Council is managing a £515,000 project covering important conservation work to the structure's exterior. This work includes the £260,000 restoration of the giant bronze statue of William Wallace, which will be temporarily removed from its usual residence on a corbel in the south-west corner of the Monument for the first time since its installation 132 years ago.

There will be an opportunity to find out more about the conservation work and interior refurbish-

ments underway by attending the 'Building a National Icon' evening lecture on Thursday 21st March, where Dr David Mitchell, Director of Conservation at Historic Environment Scotland and Trustee of Stirling District Tourism, and Lyndsey Bowditch, Director at Studioarc Design Consultants, will discuss the

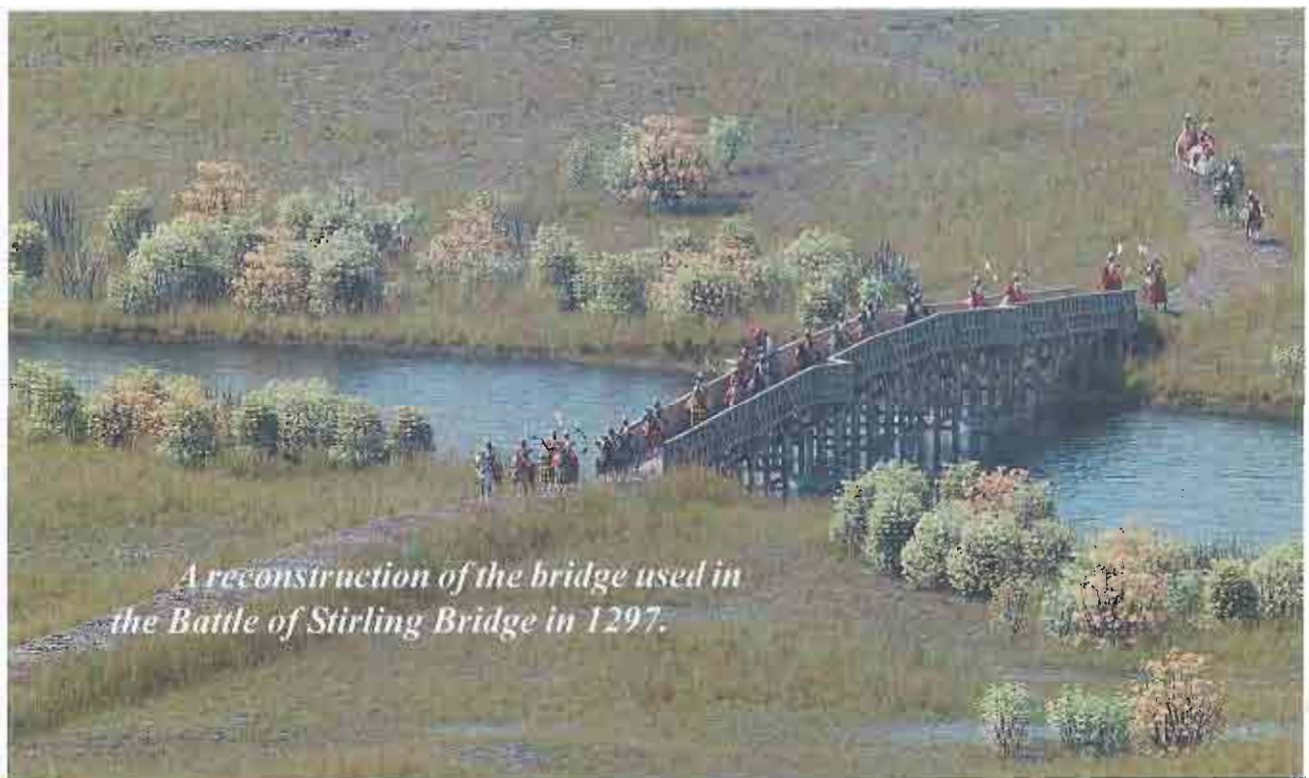


The Hall of Heroes inside the National Wallace Monument.

work in greater detail.

The new evening lecture programme has been specifically designed as part of an enhanced programme of events to mark the 150th anniversary of The National Wallace Monument. Lectures will be held in March, April and October in Legends Coffee House from 6:30pm.

To keep up-to-date with new activities at the Monument as well as the ongoing works, visitors are advised to go to www.nationalwallacemonument.com.



A reconstruction of the bridge used in the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

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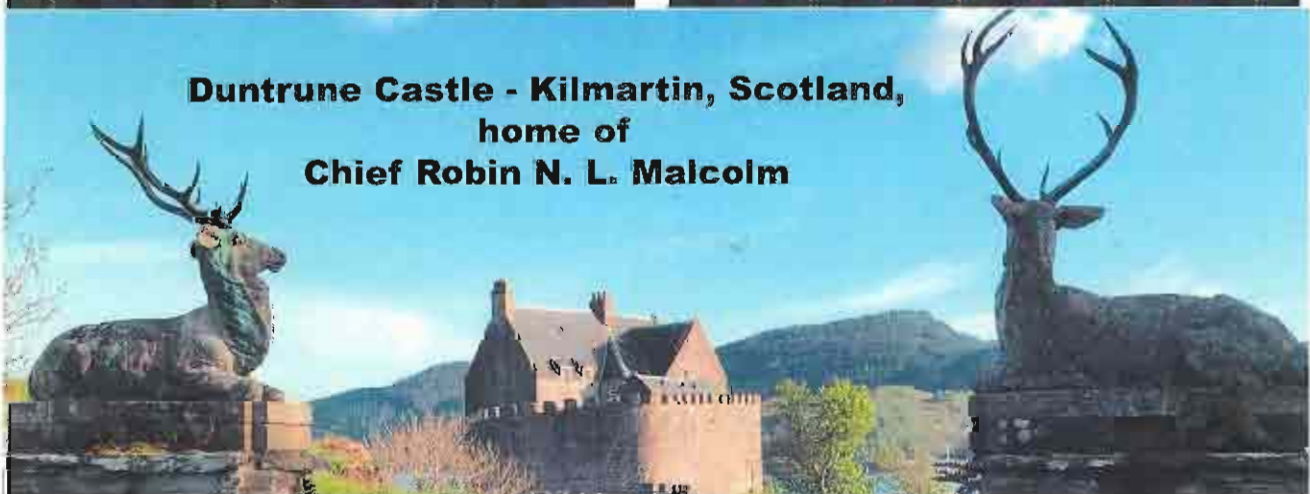
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**Duntrune Castle - Kilmartin, Scotland,
home of
Chief Robin N. L. Malcolm**





According to a popular quote, "We are Scottish not because we were born in Scotland but, because Scotland was born in us."

This past year our Clan MacLean family bid farewell to a truly fine Scotsman at heart when **Robert Stanley "Bob" McLean** passed away peacefully on November 19, 2018 in North Carolina.

Bob McLean was a wonderful husband, a fabulous father, a fine friend, and a true champion of Clan MacLean.

He served in many official clan capacities over the years, including Vice President and President of Clan MacLean, USA; Vice President of Clan MacLean International and stalwart supporter and spokesman with Ian McLean in the pursuit and eventual success of Fort Dewart's official National Historical Registry classification.

It is with great pride that I share my father's story.

Bob was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi, on December 21, 1944 to Robert Sinclair McLean and Audrey Peebles McLean, and he served in the US Navy from 1962 to 1966 on the *USS Stoddard*.

Bob married his wonderful wife, Johnnie Faye McLean, on January 28, 1967, and had two beautiful daughters, Alison List and Marla Baswell.

When Bob wasn't working on computers as an IBM computer engineer, he spent his free time

in his wood-working shop as a skilled carpenter and all-around handy guy.

In 1998 my family discovered Scottish clan life at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games when my sister, Marla, ran "The Bear" five mile race to the summit of Grandfather Mountain. Wearing a Clan MacLean tee shirt,

she ran through the clan tents circling the track and heard the cheers of her "people" coming from the MacLean tent.

She later met these people who would become her family—and then Dad's family and mine.

My father loved everything about the highland games and his Scottish heritage. He loved the people, the sight of so many kilts and costumes, the pride in his family tartan, the food, the music, the camaraderie, and the sound of bagpipes swirling on the mountain.

He studied Scottish history, read up on everything from tartans to tams, and became a self-taught wealth of knowledge on Scotland in general and the superiority of MacLeans in particular.

He began a wonderful friendship with local Raleigh clan members, Betsy McLean, Pat McLean, and Connie McLean Sutton, as well as countless other friends of the clan and the games--many of whom are fondly remembered, though dearly departed.

He supported MacLeans through his work

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DANCE AND PIPING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are currently being considered for **one week** scholarships to The School of Scottish Arts (for dance) at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina and the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming in Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

Applicants for the Scottish Heritage **one week** scholarships must submit a letter of application **by Friday 18 May, 2019** to:

Scottish Heritage USA, Inc., PO Box 457, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28370.

The letter of application must be on the application form found on our website www.scottishheritageusa.org, or call the office (910) 295-4448 to obtain the form

Narrative essay to follow and should include:

- Student's level of training and (for piping/drumming) instrument
- Brief explanation of why applicant is applying for this scholarship (must fit in space provided on form, and must be written by applicant)

If the applicant is under 18, the application letter must be co-signed by parent or guardian
Applicant's letter must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor

If application does not conform to all of the above specifications, it will **not** be considered

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 18 MAY 2019 – (Any applications received after that date will not be considered)

The School of Scottish Arts is held at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina

The School of Scottish Arts was founded in North Carolina in 1965 by Sally Southerland.

The purposes of *School of Scottish Arts (SSA)* are:

- to encourage the preservation of the folk arts, heritage and traditions of Scotland
- to extend the knowledge and practice of Scottish Arts by providing a center for learning and offering instruction conforming to traditional standards, and;
- to stimulate public interest in Scottish arts and traditions.

SSA accomplishes this mission by offering quality dance instruction from top teachers of Highland Dancing and by introducing and reinforcing knowledge of Scottish culture and history. For more information on the School of Scottish Arts, please visit: <http://www.gmhq.org/school%20of%20scottish%20arts%20menu.htm>.

North American Academy of Piping and Drumming The piping and drumming school, started by the late John McFayden, of Glasgow, Scotland, and Sandy Jones, has been operating in Valle Crucis, North Carolina for over 40 years. The school's professional instructors conduct one-week classroom instruction on piping and drumming. Room, board and tuition are included at a very reasonable price. Visit the Academy's website at www.naapd.org

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Duart Appeal Update from MacLean Chief

Clan Maclean Congress at the International gathering in 2012 gave its unanimous support to help me raise funds to repair Duart Castle to make it watertight.

I am very pleased to report that the Appeal, launched in 2014, has raised or had pledged £585,000 by the end of October 2018.

I remain overwhelmed and very grateful to those donors for their strong support.

However, more funds need to be raised. Since 2014, the first four phases of the restoration at a cost of £1.01 million have been completed.

Historic Environment Scotland contributed approximately £470,000 to this work, while the Appeal and my family each provided

£270,000.

Bob McLean, *continued from page 13*

within the clan, whether pipers, Highland dancers, or musicians.

He valued his family history and that of Clan MacLean. He attended two Clan Gatherings and as he toured Scotland, relished the privilege of standing in the midst of historical sites like Culloden, Loch Lomond, and Duart Castle on the Isle of Mull.

In the summer of 2007 he gained a reputation as the clan's most romantic man by planning a surprise wedding vow renewal ceremony at the castle that included custom designed celtic wedding rings, an award-winning celtic-inspired wedding dress designed and created by Connie McLean Sutton, and a cake decorated with MacLean tartan fondant and a miniature replica of Duart Castle.

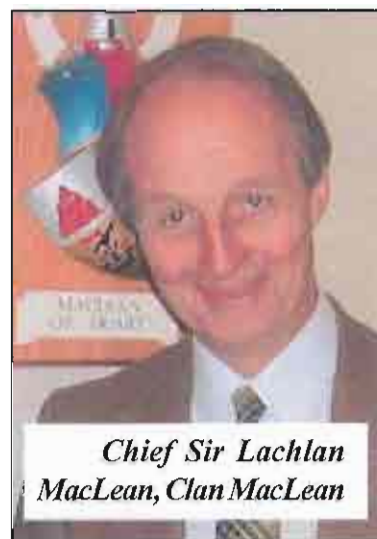
Dad was proud and grateful to be a MacLean. He worked to support the Clan MacLean Association to encourage others to find pride and gratitude in their McLean heritage.

He was always happy to share his MacLean knowledge in the hopes of igniting a passion for clan heritage in others.

I love my Scottish heritage now because my dad loved it first. I am proud to call Bob McLean my father and grateful to him for the legacy he left to my sons and future generations of MacLeans.

He will be greatly missed, but the McLean name will live on strong and proud thanks, in part, to him. There is no better way for him to be remembered than as a marvelous MacLean.

Written by his daughter, Alison List.



**Chief Sir Lachlan
MacLean, Clan MacLean**

Phases 5, 6 & 7 have been planned at an estimated cost of £1 million. Historic Environment Scotland is to contribute approximately £400,000 with the expectation that this work will be completed by June 2021.

To achieve this end the Appeal is to raise a further £270,000 by June 2020 and the family will contribute £50,000

How to Donate: Visit www.duartappeal.org for details on donation and sponsorship levels. U.S. donors may make tax-deductible donations in USD online using PayPal via the website or by check made payable to Clan Maclean Association – California (mail to: 748 South Meadows Parkway, Suite A9, P. M. Box 144, Reno, NV 89521), which is a non-profit Section 501 (c)(3) corporation supporting Scottish cultural outreach. On the check Memo line note “CMAUS Member - Duart Appeal.”



Clan Bell International



This old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquiries from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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A happy 92nd birthday to James Calvin Turnbull, born 8th January, 1927, Charlotte Amalie, U.S. Virgin Islands, seen here surrounded by his sons.

With thanks to the Bullseye, publication of the Clan Turnbull Association Worldwide. Contact them at <editor@turnbullclan.com>

Clan MacCallum - Malcolm at the 2018 Alexandria (VA) Christmas Walk

L to R: Chris Mattice, Erik Rasmussen, Diane Malcolm, Geoff Withnell, Paul Hine, Michelle Withnell, Ern Malcolm, Rick Mattice.



Congratulations



On November 1st at the recent 70th Anniversary Convention of the North Carolina Association for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sports Management (NCAAHPERD-SM), Bonnie MacCallum Ferneau of Pine Knoll Shores was recognized as a Past President, 2004-05 President as well as for her work with scholarships.

Bonnie was escorted in by Brent McCollum of Rutherford County who is a student majoring in Health and Physical Education at Gardner-Webb University. Bonnie serves as Chair of the FRIENDS of NCAAHPERD-SM, a group that contributes to grants and scholarships for students in these fields.

With thanks to *The Argent Castle*, the newsletter of the Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society of North America, Inc.

Be sure and visit: <<http://clan-macallum-malcolm.org>> for more information.



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



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Clan Douglas honors Shirley Douglas



Shirley Douglas, Clan Douglas' retiring Treasurer, received the Robert W. Groves, Jr. Award.

This award is offered on an occasional basis to individuals who have served Clan Douglas for many years in an exemplary manner.

Nominees must have served 15 or more years in either an elected or appointed position with Clan Douglas.

Before becoming treasurer, Shirley was our first storekeeper, starting the store from scratch. She retired from storekeeper to become our newsletter editor and transformed it into an award winning publication.



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Hex sign superstition in northern England and in Scotland

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By placing the St. Andrew's cross on one of the fireplace posts or lintels, witches are prevented from en-

tering through this opening. In this case, it is similar to the use of a witch ball, although the cross will actively prevent witches from entering, and the witch ball will passively delay or entice the witch, and perhaps entrap it.

With thanks to *Dubh Ghlase*, the newsletter of the Clan Douglas Society of North America. For membership information, please contact: <<http://www.clandouglassociety.org>>



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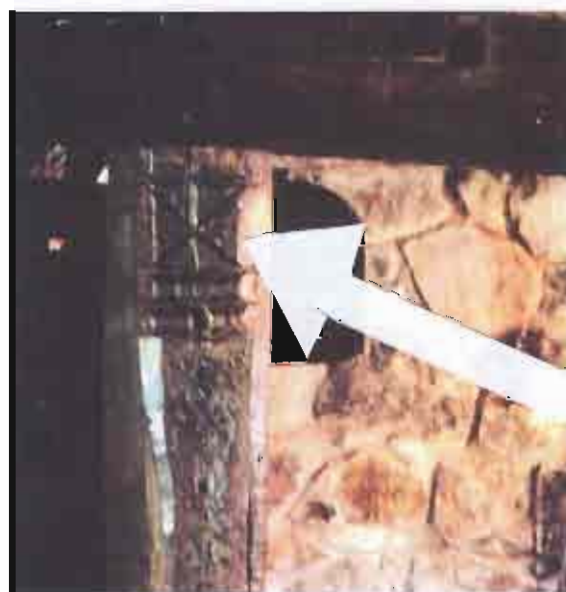
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Tony Trumble shares his “log” and “tarten” cake! It looks scrumptious!

Thanks to the *Bullseye*, publication of the Turnbull Clan Association. Membership information is available from: <turnbullclan.com>

Has YOUR clan done something clever, creative or imaginative lately?

One of the most fun things for me when I get to attend Scottish Highland Games are the wonderful, creative and imaginative things that folks have done with their tents.

Have you done something innovative and nifty at your clan tent?

If you have, take a photograph and send it to <bethscribble@aol.com> so that we may use it here in *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*. (And, brag on you!) Send an in-focus jpeg photo please.

Also, include how folks may contact your clan for membership information.



Chief of the Paisley Family, Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea.



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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

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The Loch Norman Concert Series will be held at Free Range Brewing on March 25 and April 2. Concerts begin at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 for a seat and \$10 for standing room; all tickets come with one beer. The concert series is a joint venture between Rural Hill, Midwood Entertainment, and Maxx Music, and is hosted by Free Range Brewing at 2320 N. Davidson Street in Charlotte. Tickets are available at www.maxxmusic.com.

"Our goal is to bring world class Celtic music to Charlotte year-round," notes Rural Hill Executive Director Jeff Fissel. "The Loch Norman Highland Games are an annual tradition for Rural Hill and we are thrilled to bring some of the sounds of the Games and the culture of Scotland to Free Range Brewing."

March 25— Scotland's Tannahill Weavers perform traditional sounds and incorporate the Great Highland Bagpipe into their ensemble setting. Inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame, the band is named after Scottish poet Robert Tannahill, known as the "Weaver Poet."

April 2 — Piper Jones Band is high energy and centers around Highland bagpipes accompanied by the percussive chords of the bouzouki and drum. In addition to original instrumentals and traditional tunes from Ireland, Scotland, and Appalachia, the group sings powerful harmonies and can lead the audience in traditional Celtic dances.

The Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas Concert has already taken place in February.

**Don't forget the Loch Norman Highland Games happen
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Scottish Games cancellations...

Due to the destruction caused by the hurricanes of last year, the games in **Panama City, FL** and **Myrtle Beach, SC** have been cancelled for 2019.

Is a sleeping bag a nap sack?

Question by Anonymous

Burns Cottage, *continued from page 1*



thatch and £60 will limewash a section of the walls.

Ms Smith added: "Plans are in place to repair the wall at the end of the cottage, cracks along the walls and windows will be filled, the roof re-thatched and the outer walls re-limewashed, weatherproofing the cottage and protecting it for the future.

"Everything we do at the museum is for the love of Scotland. We are all hugely passionate about the life of Burns and sharing the stories of his life and work but we are asking for help to protect the legacy of Ayrshire's most famous son."

To make a donation to the Burns Cottage appeal donate online at nts.org.uk/donate.



The McLennan Arch in Glasgow

The western entrance to Glasgow Green is marked by the grand McLennan Arch, which was, as inscribed high up, presented to his fellow citizens by Bailie James McLennan MP. The arch is dated MDCCCXCIII (1843) and it was originally the centrepiece of Robert Adams' Assembly Rooms in Ingram Street, which were demolished about 1890.

Since then, the arch has had two other resting places near Glasgow Green before it was moved here around 1990. It has four large Ionic columns and a wide central opening which originally framed a window in the Assembly Rooms. The two plaques above the smaller openings have figures which may possibly represent music and the muses.



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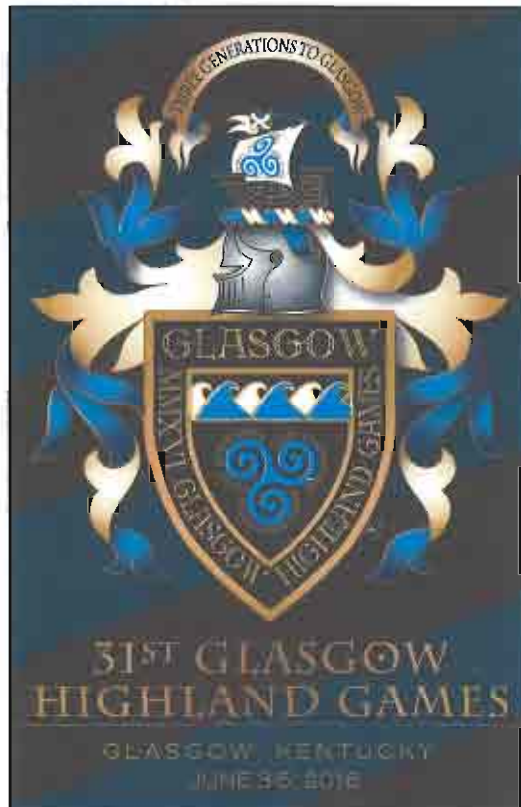
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Drone captures thousands of years of archaeology on remote Scottish Small Islands - Canna & Sanday

Jason Daley, writing for *Smithsonian*

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A drone survey of Canna and Sanday Islands collected 420 million data points, creating what may be the most detailed 3-D map of islands yet.

The Small Isles, a gorgeous archipelago in Scotland's Inner Hebrides, are protected as part of a National Scenic Area. But it turns out the sparsely populated islands are also now a high-tech landmark. The islands of Canna and Sanday, which are only separated by a tidal channel, are now the most minutely mapped islands in the world reports the BBC, and the imaging has unlocked thousands of years of archaeology.

Last November, the conservation charity National Trust for Scotland, which administers the islands, hired the Glasgow-based mapping firm GeoGeo to conduct a detailed drone survey of the islands to precisely locate archaeological features. Over the course of five days, a state-of-the-art fixed wing drone flew a total of about 250 miles, collecting 4,000 ultra-high-resolution images and 420 mil-

lion data points. The team then used a proprietary

super computer to analyze the data, creating an incredibly detailed 3-D map of the connected islands. "This not only shows detailed topography and vegetation at a game-changing three centimeters [1.18 inch] resolution but, with over 420 million data points, is currently the world's largest complete island dataset captured by drone," Paul Georgie, founder and lead geospatial technologist for GeoGeo says in a press release.

The maps are already revealing the past history of the island, showing previously unseen rem-

nants of "rig and furrow" agriculture dating back to the Bronze Age. The data reveals that at its peak in the 1800s, agriculture on the island could have supported up to 400 people.

"The detail is simply astounding – aerial surveys for archaeology have been around since the

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J/J/J (Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone) Surname DNA Project

If you are a serious genealogist, sooner or later you are going to reach the end of a proven "paper trail". When this happens, looking beyond this so called "brick wall" can become very exasperating and next to impossible.

Y-DNA testing offers an exciting new approach to solving this problem. The J/J/J (Johnson/Johnston/Johnstone) Surname DNA Project is historically listed

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Canna and Sanday, continued from page 27

end of World War Two but this new technology takes everything into a completely new realm, being considerably more detailed, affordable and flexible," Derek Alexander, head of archaeology at the National Trust for Scotland, says in the release.

Today, though a handful of people still live on the islands, agriculture has given way to a colony of about 20,000 seabirds, which the Trust worried might be disturbed by the drone. They also prepared for the drone to be attacked by the golden eagles and white-tailed sea eagles in the area. Though the pilots were ready with a barrel role in case of ambush, luckily there were no bird-drone incidents.

The data is now being used to update the archaeological inventory of the islands and to plan future digs in the area.

While the new 3-D map might be one of the more impressive feats of drone archaeology, it's far from the only example, and will likely be eclipsed in the near future. In recent years, researchers have begun flying drones over cultural sites all over the world, getting perspectives and measurements they

just can't see by digging on their hands and knees. Michael Casey at the *AP* reports that thermal imaging cameras and other mapping tools can see feet underground and uncover things like buried structures or foundations that would have taken months of digging to reveal previously.

In 2016, drone imagery helped uncover an unknown massive monument in the ancient city of Petra in southern Jordan, and just last year, drone photographers found the remnants of 4,500-year-old henges, or monumental circles, in agriculture fields in Ireland's Boyne Valley and previously unseen geoglyphs near the Nazca Lines in Peru.

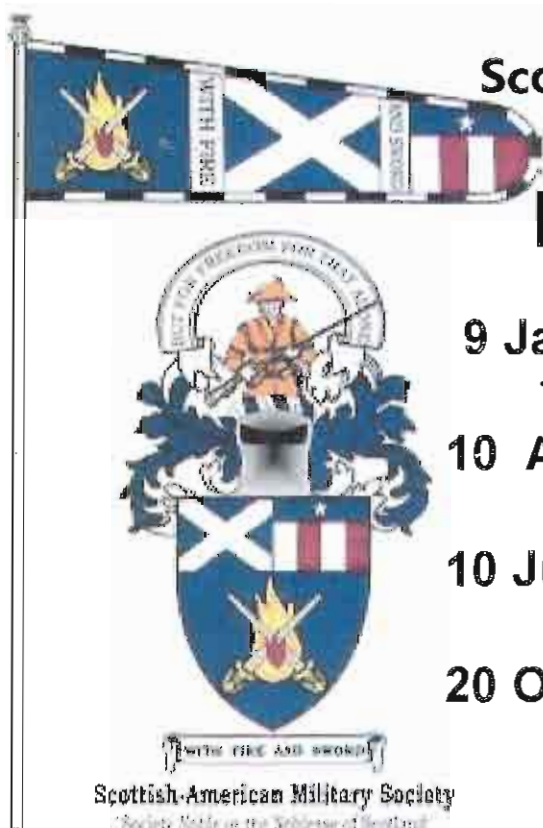
No doubt, drones have the potential to make other astounding discoveries.

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Are You Recording Fairy Tales in Your Genealogy Records?

WARNING: This is a “soapbox article” in which I rant and rave a little.

Richard Eastman, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*

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A newsletter reader wrote to me recently expressing unhappiness with all the erroneous information found in online family trees. The bogus information is usually found in family tree information submitted by other users of whatever online family tree service is being used at the moment.

My belief is that this newsletter reader wasn't spending much time looking at online images of census, birth, marriage, and death records or at other online documents of value to genealogists: old newspapers, military pension files, and such things.

I decided to share my response publicly in this newsletter so that others could either benefit from

or reject my ideas and suggestions.

Instead of spending your time looking at other people's fairy-tales, I suggest you look at original records and newspapers (or digital images of original records and newspapers). That's the manner that experienced genealogists have used for decades,

and it has always worked well.

Luckily, millions of such records are available online today, unlike the days when I started doing genealogy in the 1980s. In “the old days,” I often had to go to the loca-



tions where the records were kept. I spent a lot of money on travel and on photocopying machines. However, the expense was worth it. I got accurate results most of the time.

Back in the 1980s, we also had thousands of self-published books written by other genealogists with claims of their family trees. Those books were just as inaccurate as today's online family trees. Those books often were a mix of facts and conjecture, often accompanied by so-called “family coats of arms” and similar fictitious material.

Sadly, in the 1980s and earlier, thousands of new genealogists did not understand the difference between unsourced information versus documented records. A lot of junk claims were copied, republished, and distributed all over the place.

I will suggest that online databases of genealogy information intermixed with fairy tales hasn't

JJJ Surname DNA, *continued from page 29*

as a Pioneer DNA Surname Project, with a goal to aid anyone interested in researching their family history using DNA testing. Not only can the male Y-DNA tests be used for this study but also that of the mtDNA test. Mitochondria DNA (mtDNA) is passed down through the maternal line. Coupled with each participant's DNA test results, a mainstay of the project is that each participant is asked to submit his pedigree to be posted on the J/J/J web page for others to observe and compare DNA test results.

To learn more about the current J/J/J Surname DNA Project visit the web site at FTDNA: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/johnson/>

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Clan Forrester sends sympathy to the family of Aileen Cohran Hulsey

Clan Forrester wishes to express their sympathy to Nathan and Susan Forrester who have had a death in their family recently.

Susan's sister-in-law, Aileen Cohran Hulsey, passed away in early December of 2018.



Fairy Tale genealogy, *continued from page 31*

really changed genealogy very much. The only difference today is that computers and online capabilities allow genealogists to publish accurate and inaccurate information alike faster, easier, and at less expense than ever before.

My belief is that the PERCENTAGE of inaccurate genealogy information hasn't changed much in many decades. What has changed is the QUANTITY of both accurate and inaccurate information available today.

The reality is that the basics of good genealogy research haven't changed in the past century, even though we certainly have more convenient access today than ever. In short, any genealogy claims you find that are not accompanied by verifiable source citations to original records should be treated as a potential fairy tale.

Please don't get me wrong: I still love the online family trees submitted by other genealogists, and I look at them often. I have thousands of such claims saved in various note files in my computer. I always want to know what someone else thinks is a fact. I want to save those possible fairy tales until

I can verify the information myself through independent, well-trusted sources. In most cases, that means looking at an original record, either in person or as an online image.



I still want to know what another person believes is true, even though I have some doubts. Knowing someone else's guesses is still better than knowing nothing at all about an ancestor. There are times when someone else's guess gives me a clue as to what to look for to see if I can confirm or refute it.

I never, ever enter possible fairy tale information into my primary genealogy database until I have independently verified its accuracy in the original records. In other words, I don't enter any information into my primary genealogy database until I have verified that it is NOT fairy tale information.

My belief is that your genealogy collection of facts can be better and more accurate today than ever before – if you really care about accuracy.

Anyone who doesn't care about accuracy probably isn't reading this article anyway.

What's in your (possibly bogus) family tree?

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Auld Scottish Wedding Traditions

Festivities, known as Penny Weddings, were renowned for feasting, drinking, dancing and men fighting.

They were enjoyed by all except the clergy - who disapproved of such raucous behavior. Opinions that were wholeheartedly ignored.

Gifts were made to the newlyweds towards the cost of the wedding feast and wild celebrations which started on the eve of the wedding with singing, toasts and the ceremony of "feet washing."

A tub of water was placed in the best room, in which the bride placed her feet. Her female friends then gathered around to help wash them.

A wedding ring from a happily married woman was previously placed in the tub and it was believed that whoever found the ring would be the next to get married.

The following day, the bridal party made their way to the church, flower petals being thrown in front of the bride, but if they encountered a funeral or a pig on the way, it was considered bad luck and they would return

home and set out again.

The first person they encountered was called the "first foot" and would be given a coin and a drink of whisky by the bride. He would then have to accompany the bridal party for one mile before being allowed to continue on his way.

Just outside the church, they would be met by the clergyman and make their wedding vows. Then, a mass was held in the church, during which the clergyman blessed food brought by the guests.

It was traditional for the clergyman, however shy, to kiss the bride.

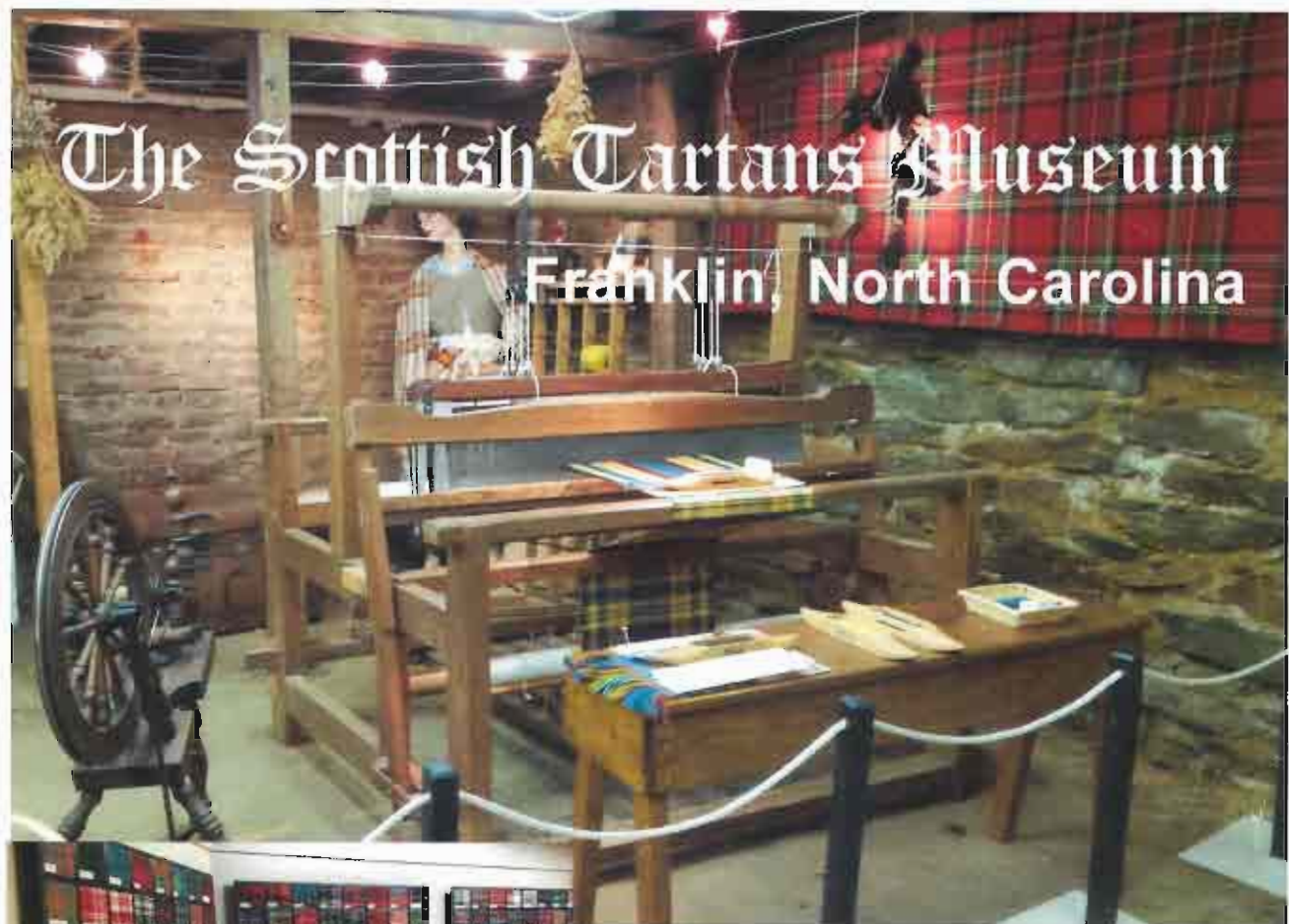
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We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

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