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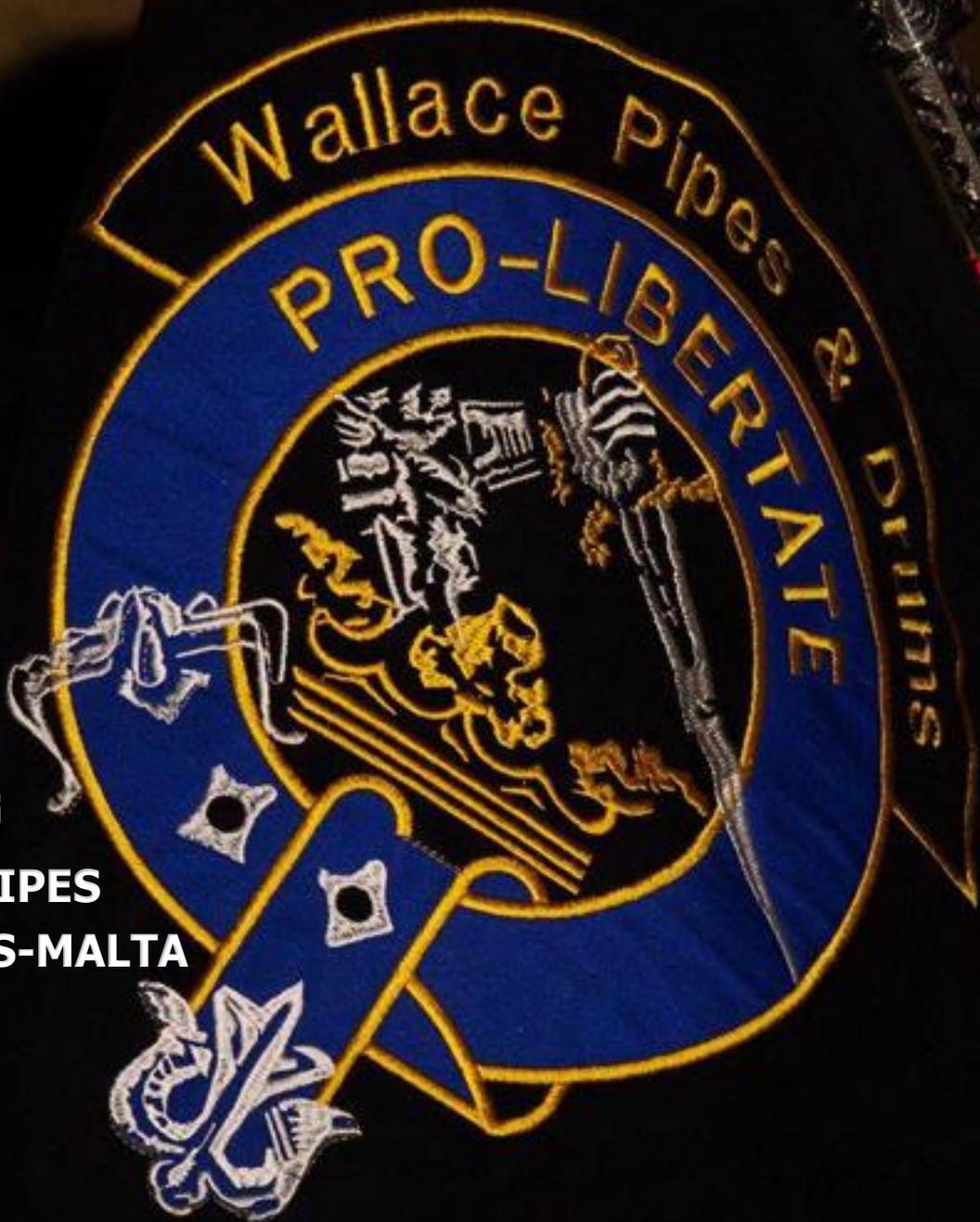
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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

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## William St. Clair Wallace

**February 22 1936- November 10 2018**

The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) is sad to inform its members that we have lost another good friend. A lifetime member, life-long devoted family man, Seventh-day Adventist, Veteran, Scotsman, and so much more, Bill was taken home on a clear fall day, in the presence of his loving family. His life was a beautiful statement to our short time here on earth.

Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in October, he fought a brief, fierce battle against the odds. Attacking his lungs and spine, he never got the chance to fight with effective treatment.

Bill was born at Hood River, Oregon in 1936. His parents Floyd and Eda provided a solid upbringing with his younger sister Dolores. He entered and served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany for 2 years.

During his time in the service, he adopted the first of his 2 children Greg, Later, back in the states, DeNeice followed as his second child. A few years later he met Ada and became a devoted father of 2 more children, Angelia and Wayne. Ada and William were married for almost 49 years. Extended family includes 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

His son Wayne's memories are filled with regular weekend outings to the coast, Gorge, Holidays, and many great vacations. Often they would just jump in the car, not knowing the destination. I will also remember his work ethic, friendly demeanor, and high standards said Wayne. Ours wasn't always a perfect co-existence, but he was the anchor for our journey in both good and times of trouble.

Beyond his immediate family Bill touched many lives in his many years as head deacon at his place of worship, Commander of NW Scotsguard, his workplace, and his service to the community center. He will be missed by his CWS family. We bid farewell to a good man and a good friend.

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## **Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ur (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)**

It is with a twinge of sadness that I write this, my last Presidents Letter. I cannot believe that it has been 3 years since we started this journey together. I look back at what we have achieved with a great sense of accomplishment. As always there are things that didn't get finished but I have no doubt will.

Three years ago, we celebrated the Society's 50th anniversary. The year started with a bit of sad news as we learned that our Clan Chief Ian had passed away. On the bright side, our new Chief Andrew was able to join us in Salado Texas as we celebrated where it all started. We were also delighted that one of our fore founding members, Anne Marie Wallace, was able to join us.

During that year many of you were able to take advantage of membership at our 1966 rates. We had a successful fund raiser with a challenge coin that honored our Golden Anniversary. Under our new International Projects director and Clan Secretary Randy Dedrickson, we established a stronger relationship with the Society of William Wallace (SoWW) in Scotland and helped fund the Battle of the Bell O the Brae Monument.

Two years ago, with the help of our new Webmaster, Scott Wallace, we updated our website to accept memberships online using PayPal. We expanded the list of games on our website to include games without conveners in hopes of encouraging local folks to attend and hopefully convene for Clan Wallace. At Grandfather Mountain (NC) we funded a paver at the entrance to the games field to honor Clan Wallace. We established a scholarship for Seniors studying Earth Science/Ecology at Lees-McRae College in honor of our past Chief. This past year our Newsletter has really become something to be proud of under our new Newsletter editor, Todd Wallace. Each edition is engaging and educational and I look forward to what he will come up with next.

Over the past three years Marcia and I have tried to go all over the United States and Canada to meet as many folks as we could. The first year we concentrated on the Eastern side of the continent. The second year the Midwest. This year we completed the cycle by doing games to the far West. During these trips we hosted games where there was no convener listed to try and get some interest, or attended a game where there was already a convener to lend support. Over this period, we attended 65 games (36 different) in 19 states and 2 Canadian provinces. At the tail end of the trip we attended the annual Board of Directors meeting in Moab Utah. A big thanks to Elmer Inman for hosting the event. Stay tuned for the exciting projects, and plans, we discussed in that meeting. One of the things that did not get done, this is my biggest regret over the 3 years, was a planned memorial cairn in Scotland to honor all of our past Clan Chiefs. I can now truly understand why projects that involve government approval are so long in coming to fruition.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your President for the past 3 years. It has come time to turn the reigns of leadership over to a new President. You can see from the list of accomplishments above that this is not a one man show and I know I am leaving this organization in good hands. Finally, a big heartfelt thanks to my wonderful wife Marcia. I could not have done, nor would I even have attempted, this life changing effort without her help and support. While this past 3 years has been a blast, we cannot keep up this pace and will have to cut back some, but look forward to many more years with our Clan Wallace family.

*Russ*

# Presenting Wallace Pipes And Drums-Malta



# WALLACE PIPES AND DRUMS-MALTA



## Wallace Pipes and Drums - Malta

*Story and Photos submitted by Marlon Tanti*

### How we got our name

If one recalls in 1995 the film Braveheart was released, being a hit movie, the views it received were impressive. In the year 2000, owing to this blockbuster movie, the founders of the band, Kevin Vella and Joe Parnis saw it as a good idea to use the famous surname of the main character as the name for the pipe band. The popularity of the name itself helped the band get the initial kick of advertisement we needed to be recognized by people around the world. As time went by we embraced the name and started to seek approval from Clan Wallace themselves. Fortunately for us we received the blessing of Clan Wallace and apart from the name now we also proudly wear the Wallace Hunting Tartan!

*As a member of the Clan Wallace Society one of my fondest experiences to date has been the Wallace Pipes and Drums –Malta playing and leading us up into Edinburgh castle for the 2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Splash of Tartan. I've never before felt so honored as then. It's a pleasure to bring this story to you so you can learn a little bit about the band and it's members. I especially want to thank Marlon Tanti for working with me to gather this story and photos. Todd Wallace*



*Wallace Pipes and Drums-Malta*

**A little bit about us**

Established in the year 2000 the band owes its beginning to a rich British Colonial and Military history. Currently the band consists of a Drum Major, 15 Pipers, 4 Snare Drummers, 3 Tenor Drummers and 1 Bass Drummer, who amount to a total of 24 uniformed members.

The Senior Officers of the band are considered as the most mature of the group but still are quite young with the Pipe Major Marlon Tanti at 36 and the Drum Major Kevin Vella at 43. When it comes to the rest of the band the average age lies low in the 20's, with our youngest, Craig Saliba at the age of 16 but impressively boasts 10 years of piping experience.

Having such a young group of people together offers an immensely dynamic and energetic band which we are all proud of.



*Pipe Major Marlon Tanti and Drum Major Kevin Vella*



*Our youngest member Craig Saliba*



*Performing at the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Wearing the Heritage of Scotland Tartan, now retired*



*Enjoying a cold pint at the cast BBQ, Edinburgh*



*2017 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Splash of Tartan*

### **Some of our International opportunities**

Through hard work and perseverance The Wallace Pipes and Drums Malta has managed to achieve a stature of international level. From the first time the band was invited abroad at Evian, France to the present day a lot has been achieved.

Perhaps a few of the most prestigious are the invitation to take part in the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Perth, Scotland in 2012 and of course the crown jewel, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2013 and last year 2017.

Another great one to mention was The Basel Tattoo, Switzerland which was fantastic although the temperature was slightly hotter than expected. We enjoyed performing at all the events and the performance itself is the highlight that we all crave, but that does not mean we do not enjoy a beer or two after all has finished. The cast bars year after year allow us to make new contacts and friends whom we will cherish forever and hopefully meet them again elsewhere in the world.

As far as this year goes we do not have any international events planned, but this does not mean we are not hard at work! The Malta Military Tattoo is taking place in September and preparations are in full swing. Throughout the calendar year we have multiple events which require our full attention and so we meet on a weekly basis to make sure our polished musical level stays bright and up to standard.

A confirmed international event which we are all looking forward to is the participation of the Wallace Pipes and Drums Malta once again in the Basel Tattoo next year which we are all sure it will be as superb and as hot as it was back in 2016!

We started off as a humble pipe band but through personal sacrifice and countless hours of practice we managed to climb to the top as a band, as one, as the Wallace Pipes and Drums!

# SAVING ST. KENTIGERNS CHURCH

## Building Works Commence On Iconic Monument

**Remedial building works have commenced at St. Kentigern's Church in Lanark to halt the deterioration of this 11/12th Century iconic local Scheduled Ancient Monument and the adjoining Grade B listed Mausoleum.**

The current works to both buildings is being carried out by the Castle Group on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council.

The works to make the Scheduled Ancient Monument structurally secure are expected to last around 4-6 weeks and upon their completion, the Hennis fencing will be removed and the historic site will be accessible to the public once again. Repair works to the Lockhart of Lee Mausoleum will include the replacement of some roof trusses, roof re-sarking and re-slating.

The project has been driven forward by Douglas Ritchie, retired Structural Engineer and Vice Chair of the Lanark Community Development Trust.

**Douglas is delighted works have finally commenced** "After many years of hard work progressing this project with South Lanarkshire Council and Historic Environment Scotland, it's fantastic to finally see it come to fruition."

"I first became involved in the project around 4 years ago because the Church, and Mausoleum, were at severe risk of collapse and I wanted action to secure the future for both structures thus preventing any further deterioration of these extremely important 'hidden gems' of Lanark's heritage."

Douglas and the Development Trust have plans to develop St Kentigern's Church and Mausoleum as an asset to promote tourism to the local area, based on the results of a recent feasibility study conducted by The Moffat Centre at Glasgow Caledonian University. These plans include historically sympathetic aesthetic improvements to the entrance avenue and improvements to



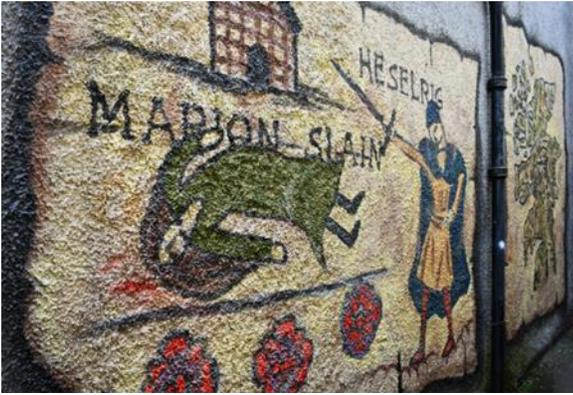
roadside and pavement signage indicating the entrance to the church. Plans also include the development of a marketing strategy, to increase local, national and international awareness of the church and their significant connections to William Wallace – as well as an interpretation strategy to provide engaging information at the historic site.

St Kentigern's Church is one of around 8,000 Scheduled Monuments in Scotland. These are recognised by Historic Environment Scotland as being nationally important monuments and sites. National importance takes account of a wide range of factors, including artistic, archaeological, architectural, historic, traditional, aesthetic, scientific and social. The aim of scheduling is to preserve sites and monuments as far as possible in the form in which they have come down to us today.

**Statement of National Importance from Historic Environment Scotland** – "The monument (St Kentigern's Church) is of national importance because it makes a significant contribution to our understanding of medieval and post-reformation ecclesiastical foundations, architecture and religious practices. It is an example of a multi-period ecclesiastical site with good potential for the preservation of buried features and deposits, including architectural remains and burials. The standing remains contain fine architectural detailing typical of Scottish 11/13th century ecclesiastical architecture. The scale and quality of the architecture reflect the significance of Lanark as a Royal Burgh. The monument can help us understand much about ecclesiastical architecture and the role of the church in medieval and post-reformation society. It has the potential to make a significant contribution to our knowledge of changing belief and religious practice and the development of places of worship over an extended time period. The loss or damage of the monument would diminish our ability to appreciate and understand the origins and development of places of worship in Scotland and the role of the church in wider medieval and post-reformation life."



# WILLIAM WALLACE MURAL



## Lanark Community Development Trust unveils William Wallace inspired artwork to brighten up town centre close

The 'Wallace Close' project has been coordinated by the Lanark Community Development Trust as part of The Lanark Vision strategy to improve the aesthetic appeal of the town centre for locals, and to bring in more tourists by capitalizing on Lanark's links with historic Scottish icon William Wallace.

The artwork of the Wallace Close is based on an ancient illustrative style, similar to that of The Bayeux Tapestry, with each of the panels in the close depicting an aspect of William Wallace's life in Lanark – from marrying Marion Braidfute at St Kentigern's Church, to slaying Sherriff Heselrig before fleeing into the Clyde woodlands.



*Creative Workshop*

The Development Trust brought in Ali Smith, Director of Art Pistol Projects, to take on the artistic leadership of the project and undertake the spray paint artwork in the close. Mural artwork by Art Pistol Projects can be seen around Glasgow, with works including large-scale portraits of comedian Billy Connolly and the recent tribute to Charles Rennie Mackintosh celebrating the 150th anniversary of the famous architect, designer and artist.

As part of the project, Art Pistol Projects facilitated two creative workshops at Lanark Grammar School with a group of Higher &

National 5 Art and Design students. In the workshops, the students researched William Wallace and developed visual ideas and graphics for the close artwork. They were also shown a range of techniques used in spray paint art including the intricacies of cutting templates and using layers in a design. Three of the students who took part in the workshops also spent time during their Summer Holidays assisting with the actual artwork in the close.

Funders of the project include the Border Biscuits Community Support Fund, Greggs the Bakers through their Local Community Projects Fund and Western Recreation Trust.



*Back Row: Melissa Reilly, Ali Smith, Sylvia Russell. Front Row: Coreena, Carah and Amelia of Lanark Grammar School.*

**Sylvia Russell, Chairman of Lanark Community Development Trust, commented:** *"We're delighted with the results of the 'Wallace Close' in the High Street and hope that locals and visitors will enjoy the fantastic designs. It's been great working on such a creative project, and seeing the involvement and enthusiasm of the young Lanark Grammar students. The long-term plan for us, and an aim of the Discover Lanark Business Improvement District (BID), is to transform more closes in the High Street based on other aspects of Lanark's history – drawing in tourists and making them more pleasant spaces for locals to use regularly. Watch this space!"*





**Ali Smith, Director of Art Pistol Projects, commented:**

*"What a story Wallace's time in Lanark is. We took some great ideas from the workshops with the young local artists, and tried to tell the story how it would have been told back then... if they had some cans of spray paint! The girls that painted did a superb job on a very rough wall and showed some great skills. It's been a real pleasure to be involved in this project."*

**Liz Meehan, Acting Principal Teacher of Creative and Aesthetic Studies at Lanark Grammar School, commented:**

*"Both the school and the Art and Design department were delighted to have the chance to work in partnership with Lanark Community Development Trust and Art Pistol Projects. Our pupils have been given an excellent opportunity to not only improve their skill set for learning, life and work but to contribute in a 'hands on' way to the wider community."*

The Development Trust has already undertaken a range of projects to promote Wallace's links with Lanark, including the development of 'The Wallace Trail' leaflet route and the creation of 'The Wallace Rose Garden', complete with carved William Wallace statue in Castlebank Park. The Development Trust has also recently commissioned a feasibility study to assess the development opportunities of St Kentigerns church as a local tourism asset.

Further information about Lanark Community Development Trust's projects is available at [www.lanarktrust.co.uk](http://www.lanarktrust.co.uk)



# KAITLIN WALLACE

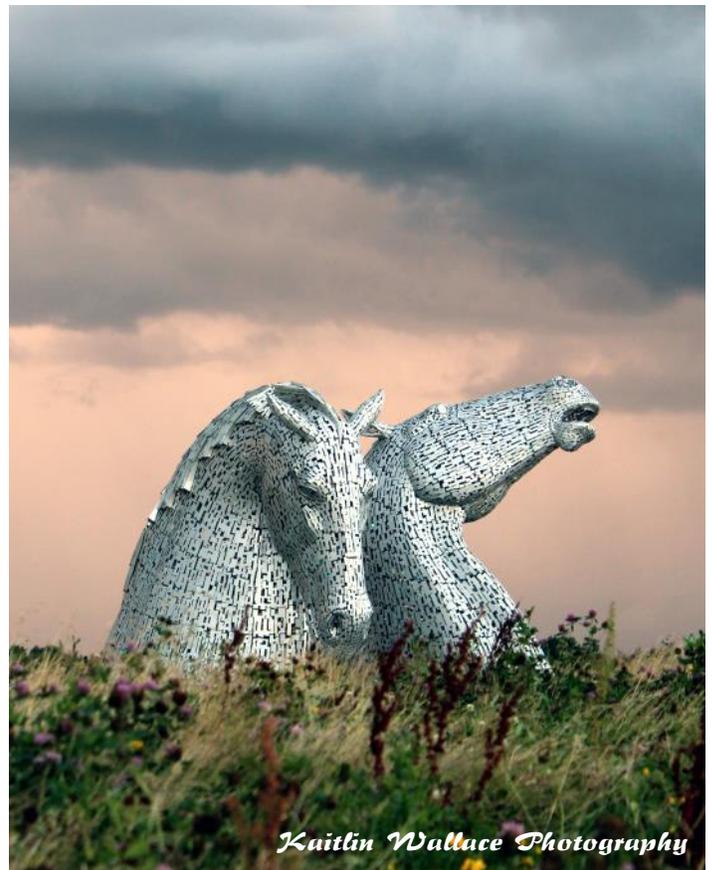
## Award Winning Photography

By Todd Wallace

On her trip to Scotland in 2017 to participate in the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo, Kaitlin Wallace traveled the countryside retracing her ancestors steps. Along the way she stopped by the Kelpies to capture some photos of the famous sculpture.

It had rained off and on through out the day. Now it was early evening and clouds were rolling in again. While walking from the car park she decided to stray from the paved path for a different point of view. She captured some amazing photos, one of which was entered in a photo contest in Scotland Magazine. Kaitlin's photo took 3rd place and is being published in the current issue which will be released in the USA in December.

Kaitlin is an avid photographer who is always out and about trying to build her portfolio. She just returned from Germany with another spectacular collection of photographs. You can follow her photography on Instagram at #kaitlin.wphotography



# NEWS FROM CONVENERS



*Julie Johnson, Norma Wallace, Jeani Johnson, Doug Johnson, Russ Harper and Marcia Harper.*

## Kelso Highlander Festival and Scottish Games

By Marcia Harper

The Kelso Highlander games have been taking place for 30 years in beautiful Kelso Washington, nestled in the shadows of Mount St. Helens. The games were held on September 8th and 9th 2018 in the Tam O'Shanter Park.

Free admission for the 17 clans and all that showed up at the park for a wee bit O' Scotland. The Clan Wallace tent was hosted by Russ and Marcia Harper. We were honored to have Norma and Puffin Wallace from Bend Oregon and Jeani, Julie, and Doug Johnson from Vancouver Washington join us for the weekend.

On July 6, 1970, the City of Kelso Washington entered into a sister city relationship with the City of Kelso Scotland. A gentleman named Peter Crawford from Kelso Scotland founded Kelso Washington.

The entertainment for the games was Men of Worth and Rogues End. The Honored Clan was Maxwell, which lead the Parade through town and to the park where the rest of the clans joined them in the Parade of Tartans. The games were opened by a miniature cannon fired by the Chieftain of the games Chief Andrew Hamilton, the Chief of Police for Kelso.

The clans all voted for next years Honored Clan, which will be Clan Wallace.

Thank you so much for all that came out and joined us for the weekend. Please come out next year and be a part of the Honored Clan. We can't do the games without your support.

## Radford Highlander Festival

By Roy Wallace

The 22nd annual Radford Highlander Festival was held at Bisset Park, Radford VA. The Park sits along the New River making for a perfect setting for the festival. Opening ceremonies were conducted by Virginia Highland Pipes and Drums, Appalachian Highlanders Pipes and Drums, Radford Highlanders Pipes and Drums followed by the parade of clans. Events of the day were the Braveheart 5K run/walk, arts & crafts, sheep herding demonstrations, the Sterling Sword Players, kids activities, along with the most popular the Highland Games. We even had the Radford Highlander mascot on hand for children to take pictures.

Center stage for music consisted of, Virginia Highland Pipes & Drums, Appalachian Highland Pipes & Drums, Radford Highland Pipe & Drums and Tuatha Dea. Tuatha Dea was a crowd pleaser for all ages and what a show this band can put on.

For the clan's this was a much smaller festival compared to the Richmond VA. games, however there were 8 clans with about 10,000 spectators. It was a busy day for all the clans!

Visiting Clan Wallace tent was a life time Member, Donald Wallace and his two son's from NC. Then we had the Doss Family that came by to show their support. My Aunt Linda and her husband Murphy from TN. played with my granddaughter Isabell. I would like to give a special thanks to my daughter in-law, Heather Simpson, for all of her help setting up Clan Wallace tent for the event.



*Roy Wallace and Donald Wallace with his two sons.*



*View from the Clan Wallace tent of the grounds at "Loch" Watson. Clan tents (not pictured) ring the athletic field, giving all clans an opportunity to watch the athletes as they toss hammers for distance in the near left corner, caber tossing in the far left corner, weights over bar at the lower right. "Loch" Watson and the field on which the event takes place are nestled in among the formation known as Granite Dells. One very impressive location.*

### 2018 Prescott Games

By Bob Wallace

Prescott Area Celtic Society held its 2018 Highland Games and Celtic Faire at Watson Lake Park, locally named as "Loch" Watson for the weekend, although the date of the event was changed from mid-May in 2017 to mid-September this year. That change of date meant a few more clan tents around the athletic field, but what appeared to be limited attendance on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to the local pipe band, Southwest Skye Pipes and Drums, main tent entertainment included California Celts and The Knockabouts. Speakers in the tent were cranked loud enough that most of the musical performances could be heard throughout the grounds. Main entertainment tent and vendors are grouped at the north end of the site, the backdrop for them from our view at the south end of the grounds including one of the massive rock formations known as Granite Dells that surround this park outside Prescott, Arizona.

This being one of the more intimate Scottish events in Arizona, only one pipe band was present this year, playing a few tunes at various clan tents, march up past the tents lining the west side of the athletic field and back, later on playing near the vendor and re-enactment tents. Dance competition was held in the gazebo at the top of the hill behind our tent.

Weather for this weekend was mild for those of us from Phoenix, at least 15 degrees cooler at "only" the upper 80s.

### 2018 Pleasanton Games

By Bob Wallace

The 153rd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games took place over the Labor Day weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, located in Pleasanton, California. This year's event also marks 25 years for the Caledonian Club of San Francisco at this venue. Weather this year was far more accommodating for the event, not the 100-plus degrees of last year. Temps this year on Saturday and Sunday were in the upper 80s, with a fair breeze both days.



*Parade of Clans paused briefly at the Grandstands on Saturday morning, long enough to get a picture of six of us representing Clan Wallace at this year's Pleasanton Scottish Games. Deanna Lopes (left) was convening, replacing Kay Cayler who retired last year.*

*Pleasanton Games cont.*

Our last visit to Pleasanton came 3 years ago to be part of the 150th anniversary celebration. Several changes became immediately obvious once we walked from the west parking lots to the entry gate. Clan tents were just ahead and to our left as we looked at it from the gate (Clan Wallace was the first tent seen, a good sign), about one-quarter mile back from what had been their usual placement near the grandstand and the food vendors. Deanna Lopes, from the Dixon (CA) Scots, was hosting the Wallace tent.

Most of the clans registering for the event made it for at least one day, although several empty spots were to be seen for those unable to make it at the last minute. Some of the clans, no doubt fearful of another weekend of blistering temperatures, may have chosen to stay home this year, just in case. This event typically sees over 100 clans on the grounds for the weekend. Parade of Clans took place at 10:30 Saturday morning, all clans present circling the entire grounds before returning to their respective tents.

Entertainment included groups from Albannach to Tempest; several new faces or groups were on the schedule as well. From guitar to fiddle to bagpipes, all the typical music at several performance locations around the grounds.

Traditional music included the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from southern California, and the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band from Canada. Add to it the competition between pipers, drummers and drum majors, and Scottish Country and Highland Dancers, more than enough to keep any Scot happy over the course of a Labor Day weekend.



*The Queen and her court, also pictured are Emma, Todd and Steve Wallace.*



*Three generations of Wallace, Todd, CJ and Sirion*

## 2018 Ohio Renaissance Festival Highland Weekend

By Todd Wallace

October 7-8th was Highland weekend at the Ohio Renaissance Festival in Waynesville, Ohio. This is always a fun festival with lots of exposure to people you normally wouldn't meet at a Scottish Games. Its amazing how many people with Scottish ancestry have no idea that groups such as ours exist. Seventeen Wallaces signed our guest book and many were interested in hearing of Wallace history. The venue always has a lot of excitement for everyone!

The Clan village was set up directly across from the Jousting Arena, next to that was the Shipwreck Stage where Albannach performed throughout the day. There is no cost for clans to set up and you get 6 guest passes per day and free parking. Surprisingly only 5 clans attended. The event had 40,000 visitors for the weekend although it seemed like much more. The Dayton St. Andrews Society and Dayton Pipes and Drums also joined the clan village.

We participated in the parade of cabers at 1:15 pm both days. We marched around the park and ended in the jousting arena where the clans were introduced. On Saturday we had a special visit from the Queen and her court. We also had several other special visitors: on Saturday Steve Wallace, his fiancé Carrie and daughter Emma spent the day with us and on Sunday my wife Connie, daughter Kaitlin, son CJ, his wife Erin and the 2 wee ones, Sirion and Xander. Sirion wore his kilt for the first time and seemed to like it. Xander decided that he likes Haggis his brother Sirion did not. If you are in Ohio come join us next year for the fun!



Russ Harper sampling the Single Malts.

### The 18th Annual Dixon Scottish Highland Games and Gathering

By Marcia Harper

The Scottish Highland Games have been going on for 18 years in beautiful Dixon California. The games were held on September 29, 2018 at the Dixon Fairgrounds.

Thirty-four clans showed up at the fairgrounds for a wee bit o' Scotland. The Clan Wallace tent was hosted by Russ and Marcia Harper. We were honored to have Deanna Lopes General Manager of the games and a member of Clan Wallace join us for the weekend.

Deanna graciously invited us to a whisky tasting, where she spoke about the different single malt whiskies that were being tasted. Russ and I enjoyed learning about all the different types.

Along with Scottish Athletics they also hosted Women's Rugby matches. Every now and then a stray ball would come into the clan tents. Heads up!

The games hosted living history exhibits with Scottish history reenactors, where you could view their encampment. Vikings, Army of Montrose Free Artillery and the 79th New York Highland were also present.

The entertainment for the games were Flask, Tempest, Michael Mullen's Trio of One.

A special touch to these games is a Scottish renewal of vows. Couples may renew their wedding vows Scottish style by being ushered in with bagpipes and everybody dressed in tartan.

Thank you so much to all that came out and joined us for the weekend. We can't do the games without your support.

### The 46th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games

By Suzanne Dykes

The Stone Mountain Highland Games were held in Atlanta, Georgia October 19-21, 2018. We didn't let a little rain on Saturday and cold on Sunday hamper our fun and celebration of all things Scottish! The tent was hosted by first time convener, Susanne Dykes.

These games are held yearly at Stone Mountain and have many professional and amateur athletes, dancers and pipe band members. We have several clan members participating in many of these activities. Vendors carrying a lot of Wallace merchandise were in attendance.

We had a large number in attendance for the Parade of Tartans on Sunday afternoon. Our guest book topped out at 82 visitors. In addition, 50 children received Clan Wallace coloring books and had their pictures taken in front of the large William Wallace stained glass portrait.

Clan Wallace celebrated the birthday of member Lynn Wallace Page with many of her friends and family in attendance for both days! Her son and daughter-in-law gathered everyone together in the "Wallace Annex", affectionately named as the extension of our main tent due to so many Wallaces gathered together!

We're planning another big year next year and invite everyone to attend the third weekend in October.





Closing ceremonies, Tucson

## Tucson Celtic Festival

By Bob Wallace

Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games held its 32nd annual event over the weekend of November 2-4, 2018, at Rillito Racetrack Park. Opening ceremonies, held at Noon on Saturday, saw Chief James McBain of McBain retiring from active involvement in Scottish-related events, turning those duties over to his son, Richard McBain of McBain younger, the Tanist. Chief McBain is the 22nd Hereditary Chief of Clan McBain (MacBean), has served in that position since 1977.

A score of clans put up their tents at Tucson this year, with several spaces available for anyone coming in at the last minute. Twenty clans had to endure temperatures around 80 degrees both days, only light breezes to keep the flags moving, the tents relatively cool for those of us spending both days at the event north of downtown Tucson.

Three pipe bands attended this year's event: Tucson & District Pipe Band, Glendale (AZ) Pipe Band, and Southwest Skye Pipe Band. Each played at various locations throughout the grounds on Saturday and Sunday, entertaining both clan folks and those attending the event.

Athletics, including heavy and light hammer, weight over bar, caber toss, Braemar and open stone, sheaf, and heavy and light weight for distance, held their competitions at the west end of the field. As is typical at many of these Scottish events, the hammer, caber and stone competitions kept the attention of visitors over the course of each of those events. Looking forward to next year's dates, the Scottish Masters Athletics will host the Heavy Events World Championships.

Several venues around the park were populated by entertainers over both days. Celtica and Cockswain headlined the weekend, a handful of other performers also taking part. Friday evening got the weekend under way with what has become a tradition at Tucson, Pirate Pub Night, with three entertainer groups performing over the course of the evening, and competition for best legs in a kilt for men or women.

# Save The Date!

**Adam Gale**

**New York Convener**

Cordially invites you to the  
**New York Tartan Day Parade**

**April 6th 2019**

*And*

**New York City Tartan Week**

**April 2nd-8th**

Tartan Week events include a ceilidh on April 5th, a Kirkin' o' the Tartans on April 6th, and after-parade parties with bands from Scotland on April 6th. Lectures on Scottish genealogy and history with visiting scholars, receptions, and other events will take place throughout the week. In 2018, 3,500 people in 122 groups marched in the parade, including clan chiefs, clans, members of the Scottish Parliament, pipe and drum bands, Highland dance companies, and other organizations from Scotland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. A detailed schedule will be forthcoming. The 2019 schedule of events will be available soon, but the 2018 schedule can be seen here, and continues for two more pages

<http://nyctartanweek.org/events/past>

Sir Sean Connery at the New York Tartan Day Parade

<https://tinyurl.com/ydajjuze>

If interested in attending or receiving updates.

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The Clan Wallace Society was founded and chartered in Texas in 1966 as a 501(c)(3) organization, promoting the history of and education about Scotland. In particular, Scotland's Great Patriot, Sir William Wallace, who suffered martyrdom for his country in 1305; its Clans and Families, and the heritage and achievements of those claiming Scottish descent. Our current Chief is Andrew Wallace of that Ilk, 36th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace, and Honorary President of the Society. We have the pleasure of more than 1,400 members in the United States, Canada, Scotland, England, France, and as far off as Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

Clan Wallace Society is represented at many Scottish Games and Celtic Festivals each year by Conveners who put up tents throughout the United States and Canada. Conveners representing Clan Wallace Society are volunteers who work individually with assistance from our , each of whom acts to further the goals of Clan Wallace Society's Charter. In many areas across the United States and Canada, members get together as groups to support other local Scottish, Irish and Celtic historical events. To contact a conener in your region, take a moment to view our Conener List.

We welcome anyone wishing to participate in Clan Wallace Society activities. If you wish to join the Society,

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