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Frae the Chair Membership Proposal

At the November 2022 AGM the following motion was passed.

“Motion re Individual Membership: Moved by Sylvia McPhee, Seconded by Doug Doughty, that CASSOC look into becoming a National Scottish Organization with a new class/type of individual membership with the understanding that there may be legal fees and other costs that will be paid from the existing development fund. Carried with one Nay vote. Mel Fitton volunteered to be on the Committee investigating this concept.”

Combinations of health and other issues, basically life happening, resulting in a delay of progress on the motion until May 4, 2023 which is when a membership committee meeting was held to discuss the motion in the context of a working document titled

“A Call for Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) to become the National Scottish Organization for all Canadians”

The outcome of the meeting was unanimous agreement on the document with the understanding that next steps were as described in it. The first of these being **“Define the classes of membership for the national organization as well as value propositions for the classes of membership.”**

The third step is **“Create the required bylaw changes and seek first membership then regulatory approval.”**

The purpose of this article is to prepare our membership for this third step by publishing the working document and asking for your input on it. As the primary force behind the motion and the overall initiative, I want to clarify my understanding of why this is what we must do. Please forgive the point form nature of this, my belief is that using this format helps with clarity.

- The majority of Scots whether in Scotland or abroad, are not part of a clan or family. Unless there are local societies for them to join, no other option exists. As the national Scottish organization we can fulfill this need. As of the last census, there are over 6.6 million Canadians of Scottish descent

- Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada suffers from a continuous dearth of volunteer resources and the monetary resources that could be used to offset it. Having a larger pool of candidate volunteers to draw on while at the same time have a larger revenue stream provides a doubled up means of solving this problem. Currently, even with our enlarged membership, our annual revenue is just over \$5k and all who serve in CASSOC are already double-dipped, triple-dipped or more as volunteers.

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- In contrast to many other organizations, a pipeline for members does not exist for almost all of our clan, family and society memberships. This carries through to us not having a pipeline for volunteers as well. This results in just waiting for potential members to be ready and that phase of their life to be interested in participating if a mechanism for doing so exists. In our current form we can only look for solutions for our members and hope they can find ways to try them, to find out what will succeed. As a larger organization with the greater resource that follow, we could test to find what would work while also being ourselves a membership pipeline for our organizations.

- Closely associated with the pipeline challenges is the sustainability of our membership organizations as well as CASSOC itself. Yes, we've gone through similar extinction level events such as many of our members have. For those who did survive, it likely was due to dedicated individuals who kept the organization going even if on a life-support level of existence. For others, they just vanished and occasionally rose again when new interest and drive arose in following generations. We can fix this as a larger organization by, for ourselves, having a broader board of directors with staggered terms of office and much greater momentum that was is coming from our few dedicated volunteers nowadays.

For our member organizations, we can provide a safety net of having mechanisms where a member shutting down can temporarily come under an umbrella of us as a larger organization. We would also have the means to apply funding to help if that was needed and appropriate.

- My belief is that a National Scottish Organization is inevitable due to both the growth in numbers of those in Canada of Scottish descent and from the dampening/loss of culture and recognition that we are currently seeing ride in with other's finding of blame and faults for the mostly well-intentioned actions of our ancestors. They weren't different people, bad people but just you and I in a different time and under earlier norms and beliefs. We need a better way to protect our culture and heritage.

A separate National Scottish Organization would lessen the opportunity for maintaining guidance by our current membership. Without this guidance, the previously mentioned benefits of the larger organization for our existing membership would be at risk. There be two paths with this, the first that the separate National Scottish Organization is autonomous and thus the risk of no benefits, the second that it instead takes on our current membership in some form and thus we eventually become irrelevant just waiting for the next extinction level event. In either case, unless we evolve to be the National Scottish Organization, our organization's days are numbered.

- Lastly, as the National Scottish Organization, our objectives, goals and words will carry more weight as the voice of the Scottish Diaspora in Canada. There is none else right now except us in our current form having the perspective in others that we are a small organization in size and influence.

Please reach out to me and provide your thoughts, your encourage, your dissension on this, my understanding of what we must become, what we must do.

William Robert Petrie
chair@scotscanada.ca



Membership Committee Working Document

A Call for Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) to become the National Scottish Organization for all Canadians

What's New?

Until now, Scottish organizations in Canada have been segmented, limited by specific interests, heritage, geographical boundaries, and traditional means of communication. They have mostly been constrained by a sense of community equating to physical proximity.

Today, however, we possess the tools necessary for persistent, meaningful connections across distances—tools like Zoom, YouTube, and social media platforms have demonstrated that a vibrant, cohesive community can thrive beyond physical boundaries.

Why Now?

Our culture and heritage face unprecedented challenges—from a benign "wallpaper effect" to more insidious forms of cultural appropriation and historical neglect. Voices from the past have told us there is no room or need for our Scottish culture because we are a founding nation, a claim that has led to our contributions being diminished and dismissed. Thus resulting in our potential being ignored.

Many Scottish organizations globally face a sustainability crisis, with aging populations and a lack of new membership threatening their very existence. CASSOC, like the majority of its member organizations, suffers from this threat of non-continuity. We know that CASSOC has undergone extinction-level events in the past and, as a volunteer organization relying on those who are already volunteers in their own organizations, it will face such challenges again. Currently, CASSOC does not have a succession plan, nor does there seem to be a viable path to establishment of one.

Like those in Scotland, the majority of Canadians of Scottish heritage do not have a clan or family with which they may associate. Nor are there always local societies such for them to connect with. Cur-

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rently, there is no national organization as an option for these Canadians without a clan or family heritage. In a recent editorial, the president of one of CASSOC's members, has even put this as having pity for them because "they do not belong."

Yet, amidst these challenges lies a wealth of opportunity with that vast majority of Canadians who possess some form of Scottish ancestry: they are a deep, untapped well of potential community members. We, in CASSOC, often encounter them at highland events where we assist visitors in researching their clan or family affiliations. Sadly for some, we must almost apologize with "You don't belong to a clan or family" and offer no further recourse for their desire to belong.

What is the Vision?

We envision the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada evolving into a broader National Scottish Organization in Canada that transcends traditional limitations, harnessing modern tools to foster a sense of belonging, purpose, and hope for all Canadians who carry our Scottish spirit in their hearts.

This expanded CASSOC will not be confined by narrow interests, location, or the need for physical proximity. Instead, it will be a dynamic, inclusive community that nurtures individual growth and celebrates our collective heritage. It will strive to identify, address, and share solutions for the common problems we see in our own current members and many other heritage organisations around the world.

Our ambitions are clear:

- To unite young and old, bridging the gap between generations and fostering intergenerational dialogue and learning.
- To provide a path and reason for individuals to have a meaningful and gratifying participation in the community of the Scottish Diaspora in Canada.
- To embrace our past while rejecting the notion that it defines our future. We recognize our history, warts and all, as a source of learning and strength.
- To constantly provide a means for the exchange of ideas and solutions amongst those individuals and organisations of Scottish heritage in Canada and globally.
- To build a sustainable future for Scottish culture and heritage in our nation, ensuring that it thrives and adapts in a changing world.
- To measure success not just by numbers, but by the impact we have on the lives of our members, our community, and the world at large. Success means bettering the lives of those we serve, now and in perpetuity.

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- We commit to serving our current generations and those to come with dignity and respect, doing what is right, not what is easy.

As a testament to our shared history, traditions, and the unyielding spirit of the Scottish blood in our veins, this new CASSOC represents a call to all who share in our Scottish heritage, to those who seek a community of purpose, hope, and belonging.

Whether you are driven by a passion for athletics, entertainment, academics, history, or social activism, there would be a place for you within this new version of CASSOC.

To paraphrase from the stone on Rob Roy's grave : "*Scottish despite them!*"

How Will It Work?

This national organization would have multiple classes of membership. One would be an organizational type of membership, equivalent to the current single class of membership that CASSOC has. Each of these members would have representation for elections and other acts of governance similar to how CASSOC members currently have delegates.

A new, separate class of membership would be for individuals and families separate from existing clan, family, or society members. These members would have representation by elected delegates from among themselves, based on groupings of commonality and/or interests.

This new class of individual and family membership would be based on being members for life but varying as to being active or inactive with associated variations on benefits and rights. The strategy with this is to help maintain an ongoing pipeline of participation for this class of membership as they transition through the natural phases of life and engagement.

This national organization would have the resources to undertake activities including scholarships, grants, and educational programs that are beyond the current reach of CASSOC. These resources would come from the much larger number of members who will contribute both financially and through volunteerism, drive, and imagination.

This national organization would be able to hold and/or sponsor events such as a Tartan Day Parade in parts of Canada where there wouldn't be one otherwise. It could hold and/or sponsor Ceilidh, Tattoo, and Festival events at various exhibitions and fairs where there's value in a Scottish presence that is not currently being fulfilled. Events at the CNE, PNE, Royal Winter Fair, Stampede, and so on come to mind.

This national organization would not act as a replacement for clans, families, and societies but would

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be a partner in terms of helping to fund and provide a pipeline of members to those organizations. An individual/family member of this national organization could designate that their membership is associated with an organization class member, and thus this national organization would channel funds and other resources to the organization class member on that basis.

This national organization would actively encourage its members to form new organization class member groups whenever possible. Conversely, a waning organizational class member could elect to be subsumed into the national organization as a chapter or council, with the knowledge that a return to an organizational class membership is not only possible but strongly encouraged.

This national organization would offer to support local chapters of international clans and families where such support would bypass barriers that we know some international organizations currently experience.

This national organization would be listened to and would have authority as speaking nationally to the support of Scottish culture and history. Far beyond what CASSOC may dream of doing right now.

The core governance of this national organization would rest with the organization class members, the existing class of membership in CASSOC. If this national organization is formed separately from CASSOC, then this core governance aspect disappears unless this national organization implements an organization class membership itself. In this later scenario, this separate national organization becomes a competitor and a serious threat to CASSOC's survival. CASSOC would become irrelevant.

What Are Next Steps?

- Define the classes of membership for the national organization as well as value propositions for the classes of membership.
- Define the form of governance for the new national organization.
- Create the required bylaw changes and seek first membership then regulatory approval.
- Plan the transition for existing CASSOC governance to the new format.
- Plan the implementation of the ways for the new classes of membership to join.
- Execute the plans

Your input on this, as always, is welcomed, This document will evolve and be updated as we work through the steps and bring to a state of being presented and voted on as bylaw change at a general meeting.

Your Membership Committee

membershipcommittee@scotscanada.ca



Renewals, Invoicing and Member Information Updates

Thanks to all for your membership and support. As of publication, our membership has grown to 100 from under 48 in 2019 and we're just past half of 2024. This growth has meant that our process for renewals and membership information management has evolved as follows:

1. A formal accounting system has been used to issue the required renewal invoices. These will be sent over the next couple of days to the individuals/email for your organization using information we currently have. The invoices are dated July 1, 2024 and due August 31, 2024, our fiscal year-end.

Payment may be by Interac, PayPal, credit card through PayPal, credit card by phone after August 1 and by mailing a physical cheque. There is no charge to you for any payment method other than payment for postage if you mail a cheque.

We ask that you make payments in CAD however the equivalent in other currencies can be handled.

2. At the same time we're incrementally implementing an online membership management capability plus updating what information we keep for your organization. In our early days, mailing addresses were important for all contacts and the use of email was that of science fiction. Nowadays we only require a mailing address for your organization but just an email address for other contacts. Phone numbers are nice to have but this is optional.

A key reason for this change in the type of data we're collecting is security mandated by regulations as well as helping to protect our members' data from the nasties out there.

All members should use our new form to update their organization's information. This is the form used for new members as well, so those who have recently joined using the form do not need to do anything unless your information has recently changed. Indicate in the comments that it is an update.

Going forward, we will implement a way for your delegate or designate to update your organization's information as you require. We recognize that your AGM elections and other changes occur at annual dates far different from our own year-end!

The online form to use to update your information is

<https://www.scotscanada.ca/en/join>

Alternately, a PDF version of the form is available for you to download, fill and send by email or mail at

https://www.scotscanada.ca/forms/CASSOC_Membership_Form.pdf

Renewals, Invoicing and Member Information Updates

CLANS AND SCOTTISH SOCIETIES OF CANADA
MEMBER INFORMATION/APPLICATION FORM

Membership is open any group supporting Scottish Culture and Heritage. All applications for membership are upon approval by the Board of CASSOC.

Group identification with name and email for delegate and alternate is required (*).

The delegate and alternate designator are for the following duties:

- Liaison and representation with the CASSOC Board and attendance of General Meetings
- Provide relevant updates on information and activities of the organization
- Distribute to your group our newsletter, emails, meeting notices and proceedings
- Primary contacts for any other announcements and correspondence

For any other role without a name and email, the delegate & alternate will be used. Hereafter, notices and the "Scots Canada Update" email are automatically sent to the delegate and alternate. Email specific use is required for other roles.

Official name of your group (*): _____

Tell us about your group (*): _____

Your approximate group size (*):
 Up to 500 Or 501 to 750 Or 751 to 1000 Or 1001 to 2000 Or 2001 to 3000

Other organizations that are you and/or your group are affiliated with? (Select all that apply):
 CASSOC MSSCA SSP Others: _____

Other Affiliations: _____

Street Address (*): _____ Municipality (*): _____
 Prov/State (*): _____ Country (*): _____ Postal Code/Zip (*): _____
 Website (*): _____ E-mail (*): _____
 Social Media: _____
 Phone: _____ Work/Fax: _____ Cell: _____ Receive SMS:

Name of Delegate (*)	Email (*)	Position	Phone Number(s)
Name of Alternate (*)	Email (*)	Position	Phone Number(s)

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For the following roles:

Select "Use Delegate" or provide a contact name, email and, optionally, position and/or phone number with whether to receive or not our email and newsletters.

Role	Delegate/Email Optional (*)	Name	Email	Position/Phone Number
Membership/Marketing	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Head of Organization	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Publications Contact	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Communication Contact	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Accounts Payable	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Maintain membership information	Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>			

In addition to the delegates and the opt-in roles, to whom should the newsletter be sent to? Provide name with email address for each (max 4 names):

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Name: _____ Email: _____
 Name: _____ Email: _____
 Name: _____ Email: _____

Let us know how you found out about us as well as any other comments and information you wish to add:

Delegate/Email Optional (*)	Completed By Name (*)	Email (*)	Position	Date (*)
Use Delegate or Set Email: <input type="checkbox"/> or No Email: <input type="checkbox"/>				

Please email to secretary@scotscanada.ca or send by post to "CASSOC, 79 - 24 Hardy Bay Blvd, Toronto, ON, Canada, M2M 5A4". You may be contacted during processing and after review by the Board. Upon approval, invoicing and arrangements for payment will be sent to your Accounts Payable contact. We will also contact you for text and images for crests, normal, caps and other resources as needed for member web pages, binder inserts and posters.

Privacy Policy: CASSOC is committed to maintaining the accuracy, confidentiality, and security of information you have provided to us. The information provided on this form will be used only for the specific purposes indicated unless prior permission for additional use is first obtained from you. CASSOC will list your group and website link on CASSOC websites, newsletters, and other publications. Please contact secretary@scotscanada.ca for questions, inquiries or instructions with regards to this form and the handling of the information you are providing.

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For other contacts you may indicate to use the delegate* or provide a name, email and optionally their position and phone number.

For each non-delegate you may also indicate if they should receive emails for the Scots Canada Updates, Newsletter and other Notices being sent.

**Please don't repeat the delegate information, use the check box instead. If you don't provide a name or a choice then the delegate will be used for that contact's role.*

Membership Report

The following lists our current 100 members with the 16 new members since the Spring newsletter highlighted in **bold**. With our growth in membership we've also added the new member types of Events, Sports, Media and Historical while also renaming Business to the more appropriate Enterprise. A challenge we are now working through is due to the fact that a single member may have multiple areas that we are helping to promote and grow. An example is our new member Flagstaff Scottish Club who is also the sponsor of the Sedge-wick Gathering of the Clans. Your input is welcome about this!

Clans and Families

Clan Baird Society Canada

Clan Bell North America

Family of Bruce International, Inc.

Clan Buchanan Society International

House of Burnett

Clan Cameron Canadian Branch

Clan Campbell Society (North America)

Clan Carruthers Society International

Clan Chisholm Society Canada Branch

Clan Colquhoun of Canada

Learned Kindred of Currie

Clan Davidson Society of North America

Clan Donald Canada

Edmonstone Clan Society

Elliot Clan Society of Canada

Clan Farquharson Canada

Clan Fergusson Society of North America

Clan Forbes Society, Inc

House of Gordon Canada

Clan Graham Society Inc

Clan Gregor Society Canada Chapter

Clan Gunn Society of North America

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Clan Hunter Association of Canada
Clan Irving
Clan Irwin Association
Clan Johnston/e in America
Kennedy Society of North America
Clan Kincaid Association International
Clan Lachlan Association of Canada Inc.
Clan Lamont Society of North America
Clan Lennox
Clan Leslie Society International
Clan Logan Society of Canada
The Clan MacAlpine Society
Clan MacAulay Association
Clan MacBeth
Clan MacDougall Society of North America
Clan MacDowell (CMSNA)
Clan MacEwen Society
Clan MacFarlane Worldwide
MacFie Clan Society in Canada
International Association of Clan MacInnes
The Clan MacKay Association of Canada
The Clan MacKenzie Society of Canada
Clan MacLaren of North America
Clan MacLellan of America
Clan MacLennan Canada
Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada
Clan MacNeil in Canada Association
Clan MacNicol Society of North America
Clan MacPherson Association Canadian Branch

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Clan MacRae Society of Canada
Clan MacThomas Society
Clan Munro Association of Canada
Murray Clan Society of North America
Clan Paisley Society
Clan Pringle North America
Clan Ramsay International
Clan Shaw of Canada
Clan Sinclair Association of Canada
Clan Skene Association
Clan Strachan Society
The Clan Watson Society
Youngs of Scotland

Societies

Greater Moncton Scottish Association
New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association
St Andrew's Society of Toronto
Scottish Studies Foundation
Scottish Society of Ottawa
The Thistle and The Fleur De Lys
Westman Scottish Association

Games, Festivals & Events

Cambridge Scottish Festival
Canmore Highland Games
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

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Georgetown Highland Games
Glengarry Highland Games
Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Kingsville-Essex Highland Games
Montréal Highland Games
North Lanark Highland Games
National Capital Highland Games
Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival
Northumberland Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Orillia Scottish Festival
Red Deer Highland Games
The Saltire Gathering
Sherwood Park Highland Games
Sydney Mines Highland Games
Uxbridge Scottish Festival
Victoria Highland Games and Celtic Festival

Enterprise and Media

Burnett's & Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd.
House of Cassady
Clan Designer
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Taylor's Tartans
William Glen & Son Canada Ltd

Historical and Sports

Flagstaff Scottish Club
Hutchison House Museum
Rugby Canada

Rugby Canada - New Member



Click the image above to buy tickets

Website: <https://rugby.ca>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/RugbyCanada/>

Rugby Canada is the national governing body of the sport of rugby union in Canada. In that role, it currently serves over 29,000 registered participants in a variety of roles, from players to coaches, club administrators, and referees. The sport of rugby in Canada has seen a year over year growth for the past two decades, with women and youth leading that increase.

Encompassing all ten provinces, Rugby Canada provides support via administrative oversight and implementation of registration and insurance programs. This allows rugby in the provinces and various regions to focus on the development of the sport in the respective catchment areas. The investment in the grassroots program Rookie Rugby has allowed Rugby Canada to reach new sport and recreation enthusiasts at the youth level.

Rugby Canada has created a number of key national championships to allow participants from across the country to test themselves annually and also allow selectors to preview the next generation of rugby player from around the country.

Player welfare is also a key component of Rugby Canada, with the implementation of World Rugby's Concussion Protocol program being introduced to all the provinces and support provided by key trainers to help identify and keep safe all participants. To emphasize its commitment to player welfare, Rugby Canada implemented a program specifically designed to educate those involved in the sport on the importance of injury awareness, prevention and recovery. This program is called Rugby Canada Play Smart – Putting Players First.

From the modern perspective, it certainly has proven to be a dramatic journey from the earliest days of the sport in the 1860's when it was first played in Canada amongst sailors from visiting nations at coastal ports of call. Despite the advent of North American football and the Canadian Football League, rugby's DNA in Canada is obvious, including the **CFL's Grey Cup being recognized as the Rugby Football championship trophy until the 1930's.**

In 1974 the formalization of the sport occurred as the Canadian Rugby Union was formed, and incorporated by the Government of Canada, which became the foundation for today's Rugby Canada organization.

Hutchison House Museum - New Member



**PETERBOROUGH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
NOGOJIWANONG EST. 1897



Scottish Tea Season has arrived!

Celebrate the summer season with the start of our Scottish Tea Season on Tuesday, July 2nd 2024.

Scottish Teas will continue every Tuesday - Saturday until August 31, 2024 from 1-4 pm.

Scottish Tea, served on the terrace in the period garden, includes fresh baked scones, preserves, whipped cream, oatcakes, and tea, lemonade, or ice tea.

Complimentary tours of the 1840s restored stone house are included with the teas.

The cost for tea is \$12.00 for adults and youth, \$8.00 for children under 10 years of age, children under 5 are free.

Registration is required if you are a group of more than four.

For more information or to reserve a seat please contact the museum at info@hutchisonhouse.ca

or phone us at 705-743-9710

Website: <http://hutchisonhouse.ca/>

Learned Kindred of Currie - New Member



**Learned Kindred
of Currie**



Website: www.learnedkindredofcurrie.com

Facebook: www.learnedkindredofcurrie.com

Membership: [Robert Currie contact@curriekindred.com](mailto:Robert.Currie.contact@curriekindred.com)

Motto: Inspire to Victory

Surnames : Currie, Currier, Curry, Mac Currie, Mac Curry, Mac Mhuirrich

Our Story :

Curries, or more accurately, the MacMhuirich Bardic Family, can trace their history to the 13th century. The family served as Hereditary Bards to the Lords of the Isles and later to the MacDonalds of Clanranald.

Today, the Learned Kindred of Currie continues this legacy through programs, events, and scholarships that honor and promote Scotland's rich culture and ancestry in the US and globally. Based in the United States, the Kindred has over 4,000 members worldwide.

Uxbridge Scottish Festival - New Member



July 27, 2024

at the

Elgin Park

Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada

Visit the website for updates and registrations

Website: uxbridgescottishfestival.com/

Follow us on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/uxbridgescottishfestival/

and

Instagram: www.instagram.com/uxbridgescottishfestival/

You can contact us with any questions or concerns at

info@uxbridgescottishfestival.com.

We will respond next day of business.

Click for more info on these festival events

[Pipe Bands](#), [Highland Dance](#), [Scottish Dogs](#), [Clans](#) and [Performers](#)

Sherwood Park Highland Gathering - New Member



July 20 & 21, 2024

at the

Broadmoor Lake Park
Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada

Tickets go on sale April 6th

Visit the website for updates and to buy tickets!

Website: <https://www.sphg.ca/>

About the Event

The Sherwood Park Highland Gathering is an outdoor event held on the Salisbury High School Athletic Fields in Broadmoor Lake Park. Located in the heart of Sherwood Park, we strive to host an accessible event for all.

The event consists of piping and drumming competitions, massed band performances, Highland Dance competitions, and Scottish heavy games. There will also be children's activities, food trucks, beer gardens, community market with local makers and Scottish Clan booths, and a family Ceilidh.

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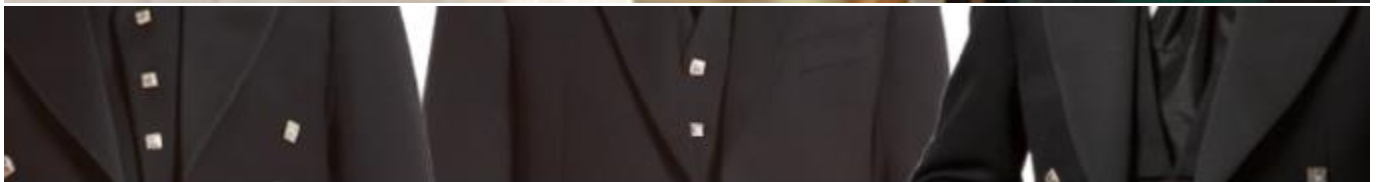
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Clan Bell North America



President's Message : It's time to get your kilt on

It is always encouraging to see people wearing the Bell of the Borders tartan at our clan tents as Bells enjoy time together and remember their heritage. It is a beautiful design that gets a lot of complements wherever it is displayed.

It was sad that we recently had a Bell show up at our tent with the wrong tartan that some vendor sold them based on errors in the tartan books. I checked on the kilt vendor I usually recommend to see what a Bell of the Borders kilt would cost him in wool and discovered it was not currently available because the tartan fabric is out of stock. The acrylic tartan is still available.

When our lovely tartan is in short supply, it is more expensive and difficult to order a new kilt, or to make a new tartan flag, or sash. Some kilt vendors remove Bell of the Borders from their list of available tartans when it is out of stock. That is because the weavers have a minimum order of 16

meters (or 17.5 yards) to weave a custom order, so a single kilt with a custom weaving order could cost \$1,000.

CBNA can coordinate several orders to have a weaver in Scotland make the fabric if you contact us at shop@clanbell.org. This can bring the cost for an 8-yard kilt down to \$500 from a kilt vendor, or about \$350 per kilt if Clan Bell uses our wholesale contract. The lower cost takes more coordination and has risk that a kilt is ordered with incorrect measurements.

Coordinating this effort is an excellent opportunity for a volunteer with skills in fabric and sewing. If you have knowledge and are willing to help, this is your chance to shine and as we get Bell of the Borders back in stock and save our members on a new kilt, sash, Billie skirt for the ladies, or a tartan flag. You don't have to buy anything yourself, but CBNA can fund weaving of additional fabric to keep the tartan in stock after the group orders. To volunteer or be part of a committee, email me at President@clanbell.org.

If you'd like to have something that uses Bell of the Borders tartan, or would like to help evaluate the potential orders, fabrics, etc. now is the time to let us know. One Bell has already expressed interest in a kilt order to replace his 30-year-old Bell kilt. The Bell we met recently with the mistaken tartan of another clan is also likely to be interested in getting the better kilt.

Slainte!

Joseph Bell



Joe and Kathy Bell with their Bell of the Borders kilts on

What's in a Tartan

A note from Clan Bell newsletter editor Stephanie Bell-Clements Adams: I have spent several months compiling information in order to write an article regarding the myths that have been created about tartan and the true history of tartan. Then after all the Internet and publication research, I stumbled upon this article written by Matthew Newsome. Mr. Newsome has written what I feel is the definitive article about tartan. My thanks also to the Scottish Tartans Museum for their candor in reprinting this article on their Website: <https://scottishtartansmuseum.org/education/brief-history-of-tartan/>

This is an excerpt from the article "Generations of Highland Dress" written by Rev. Mr. Matthew Newsome originally published in 2003 at www.albanach.org.

What about the cloth the kilt is (usually) made from — the tartan? As stated earlier, archaeological evidence of tartan cloth being worn in Scotland dates from the third or fourth century AD. And the written record attests to tartan being especially characteristic of Highland clothing throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. But were these "clan tartans" as we know them today? The short answer is, "No!" The first thing to realize about this early tartan cloth is that it was all being hand woven by individual weavers in their own homes or small cottage businesses.

Yes, they likely had certain favorite patterns that they would produce on a regular basis, but they also (like any artisan) would like to be creative and come up with new, never before seen, individual designs. Yes, they would certainly use a lot of the colors available with the natural dyes from the region, but they also would have access, through trade, to dyes and ingredients from other places. In short, the colors and designs of the tartan varied greatly, and nothing like a "clan tartan" system had even been conceived of, let alone put into practice.

The association of names with tartan designs came about as a result of the industrialization of the weaving industry. The first commercial, largescale producer of tartan cloth in Scotland was William Wilson & Son's of Bannockburn. They were the only tartan firm licensed to provide cloth the Highland Regiments during the period of Proscription (up till 1782). The need for mass production of cloth to fill large military orders led to the standardization of colors and patterns for the cloth. These standardized tartans were certainly in use by the 1780s.

At first these tartans were simply assigned numbers to identify one from another. But towards the end of the eighteenth century, Wilson's began to label their tartans with names, usually names of towns or districts. At the end of the century family names began to be used, and this practice increased greatly in the early nineteenth century. Why? Marketing, as much as anything else. Why does Ford no longer make Model Ts and instead now sells Windstars and Explorers? The names sell better. But just as no one today would assume that only people of Cherokee descent drive Jeep Cherokees, no one then believed that only MacDonalds could wear the MacDonald tartan. People would pick out a tartan to wear based on what they

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liked, not what their name or supposed ancestry was.

In the year 1800 there were perhaps 90 to 100 “named tartans.” Today there are over 7000. The period of the nineteenth century saw a great rise of interest in all things Scottish, and the development of a very romanticized notion of Highland Dress. After the Jacobite uprisings were put down and the Act of Proscription enforced, the kilt ceased to be a part of the daily dress of Highland people. During the nineteenth century it was revived as a form of ceremonial dress, and all the trappings that go with ceremonial clothing — many borrowed from the military — grew along with the changing fashions of the kilt.

Part of this process was the identification of a tartan with the family, clan, or place whose name it bore. This was a development of tradition that was encouraged by the chiefs of the clans. Stripped of any political power, one of the few remaining prerogatives of the chief was what tartan would represent his clan. With people of Scottish descent now scattered across the globe, the use of the “clan tartan” to identify clan members and unify them around a chief served a definite purpose in the new, international Scottish community.

Even today, there are no rules or regulations dictating Highland fashion or tartan choice. The most “traditional” thing you can do is to select a tartan based on its appearance rather than its name! However, tartans today do represent things, whether a clan, family, city, business, or event. Most people choose to wear a tartan that represents some part of their own heritage. In the end, though, that choice is completely up to you.

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Modern reconstruction of the Border Check Falkirk tartan. 3rd or 4th Century CE

The Scottish Register of Tartans provides the following summary definition of tartan:

Tartan (the design) is a pattern that comprises two or more different solid-coloured stripes that can be of similar but are usually of differing proportions that repeat in a defined sequence.

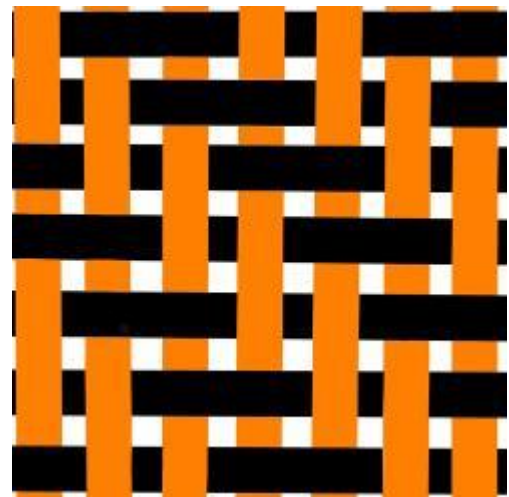
The sequence of the warp colours (long-ways threads) is repeated in same order and size in the weft (cross-ways threads).

The majority of such patterns (or setts) are symmetrical, i.e. the pattern repeats in the same colour order and proportions in every direction from the two pivot points.

In the less common asymmetric patterns, the colour sequence repeats in blocks as opposed to around alternating pivots but the size and colour sequence of warp and weft remain the same.

For more see the FAQ at <http://tartanregister.gov.uk/>

And <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan>



Visualisation of 2/2 twill weave: the black weft threads go two over then two under the orange warp threads, staggered by one thread each pass (resulting in a diagonal pattern). In the actual cloth, the white gaps would be closed.

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Bylaw Changes - Names and Criteria

One of the effect of our membership growth is an increase in diversity of the types of members we have. However this was not reflected in our bylaws nor in the names we were using. This has been addressed by the following bylaw changes, as approved by the board on May 28, 2024 and to be ratified at the next AGM.

Preamble: the CASSOC By-Law, 3.1a states:

The aims and objectives of CASSOC shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

To advance Scottish Cultural Heritage in Canada, such Scottish culture be defined to include, but not be restricted to, traditional Highland, Island and Lowland cultures, whether in Scotland, Canada or wherever Scottish Culture may be expressed;

MOTION as approved by the BOARD of DIRECTORS

That the CASSOC By-Law, items 3.1b, 3.2, and 4.1 be amended as follows:

Item 3.1b: to insert “in support of 3.1a” after the word “foster”; to delete “Scottish federations, clans, societies or”; and in 3.1.b.iv: to delete “Scottish”.

Thus:

b. To foster, in support of 3.1a, the organization of and co-operation and communication between groups through the initiation and co-ordination of projects and undertakings. Such projects and undertakings may:

- I. encompass all those interested in Scottish Culture and heritage;
- II. include the preservation of Scottish and Scottish-Canadian history, culture, language and fine arts;
- III. include research into any related matters;
- IV. include liaison with other groups and organizations wherever located;
- V. include the establishment and/or maintenance of an office, cultural centres, libraries, historical museums and research facilities anywhere, provided such are available to all Canadians.

Item 3.2 NAME: To insert, after the word “French.”, “Subject to the conditions spelled out in the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act - (11) Alternate Name, the names Scots of Canada and Scots Canada may be used by the organization.”

Thus:

The name of the organization shall be Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada in English and in French shall be Clans et Sociétés Écossaises du Canada, hereinafter called CASSOC in English and CESEDC in French. Subject to the conditions spelled out in the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act - (11) Alternate Name, the names Scots of Canada and Scots Canada plus Canadécosse in French may be used by the organization.

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Item 4.1 MEMBERSHIP: to delete, after “open to”, “all Scottish groups, clans, federations, associations, societies and clubs represented in Canada interested in” and to insert, “any group that is aligned with furthering the aims and objectives of CASSOC as stated in CASSOC's bylaws 3.1 Aims and Objectives.”

Thus:

Subject to the approval of the CASSOC Board of Directors, membership in CASSOC is open to any group that is aligned with furthering the aims and objectives of CASSOC as stated in CASSOC's By-Law 3.1a Aims and Objectives.

Change summary:

- Bylaw 3.1 defines the aims and objectives of our organization. It is better to refer back to a single point of definition than to have portions of the aims and objectives repeated or interpreted in other bylaws. This reduces the possibility of inconsistency and simplifies understanding and management.
- Removing the list of group types simplifies and avoids unintentional exclusion of a member type.
- Since our early days we've had members at times who were not 'Scottish' in the sense we were intending however they aligned with our aims and objectives. Genealogical and Celtic organizations being good examples. What mattered was their alignment with our aims and objectives so the changes just reflect this.
- The name 'Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada' has not reflected the diversity the membership for quite some time. We have non-clan members such as family and house. We have games and festivals. We have businesses and now even have publications, sports, and historical types. Names that are shorter but provide a broader scope such as Scots Canada, Scots of Canada and, in French, Canadécosse correct this issue.

The following is an example of the logo we are using that incorporates the use of Scots Canada.



Cambridge Scottish Festival

2024 Friday Concert
& Night Market



STEEL CITY ROVERS



OLD MAN FLANAGAN'S GHOST



TOM KEEFER & CO

An evening of Celtic Music | Beer Tent | Over 20 vendors!

July 19, 2024 - 6:30pm | Churchill Park, Cambridge

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www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca



[Click the image for Friday schedule and purchase tickets](#)



Churchill Park
200 Christopher Drive
Cambridge, Ontario

Avenue of Clans - To all Scottish Clan and Family

Cambridge Scottish Festival is looking for clans to participate in our Avenue of Clans for the year.

Hoping to get as many wonderful clans and families out as we can!

A couple questions you might have:

When is the Cambridge Scottish Festival? The games day itself is held on July 20th 2024 this year

Where are the games? You can find us at Churchill Park in Cambridge ON

Does it cost anything to participate? Absolutely not! This is totally free for you to come set-up a table and/or tent and get your clan info out there

Where can I sign up? Feel free to submit an application on our website (takes about 30 secs):

<https://cambridgescottishfestival.ca/clan-application/>

If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to reach out.

Hope to see you in July!

Brittany McDougall, Cambridge Scottish Festival

clans@cambridgescottishfestival.ca

Canmore Highland Games - New Member

Come to the 33rd Annual Canmore Highland Games!

Two Full Days of Celtic Culture Aug. 31 & Sept. 1st.



A vein of Scottish culture runs strong through Canmore's community and is celebrated annually through the Canmore Highland Games. Founded in 1884 as a coal mining town, driven by the expansion of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). Scottish immigrants and their families settled in Canmore, bringing with them their customs and traditions. Immerse yourself this Labour Day weekend in majestic mountains and the sounds of pipes and drums that bring together the traditions, athleticism, and spirit of Scotland. Canmore may not be the Scottish Highlands, but on Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st, it will feel like it is.

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A promotional poster for the Canmore Highland Games. The poster features a silhouette of a bagpiper on the left side. The text on the poster includes: "Aug 31 Sept 1", "Celebrating Celtic culture in the Canadian Rockies!", "NOW EXPANDING TO 2 FULL DAYS!", "CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES", "CANMORE HIGHLAND GAMES SEP AUG 31, 9 AM - 4 PM | SUN SEPT 1, 8 AM - 3 PM", "TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS SATURDAY, AUG 31, 6 - 9 PM", and "THE CANMORE CEILIDH SUNDAY, SEPT 1, 6 - 11 PM".

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Reflecting rich Celtic custom, the weekend will be filled with music and dance. Highland dancers of all ages, from near and far, will take the stage in dance competitions exhibiting strength, agility, and grace. The air will be filled with the sounds of the hundreds of pipers and drummers who come to win honours at the Piping and Drumming competitions. And the thrill of the closing ceremony, where all bands will join the Massed Pipes & Drums of the Canmore Highland Games, will move you.



Central to the Canmore Highland Games, and a crowd favorite on the festival fields, are the heavy highland sports. Cheer for the athletes as they throw the hammer, try the stone put, and attempt to toss the caber end over end. These traditional athletic competitions showcase the strength, skill, and endurance of the players.

The Canmore Highland Games also serve as a gathering point for Scottish clans. Clan tents will be set up to share about the history and heritage of various Scottish clans. Perhaps you'll find your people?

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Wander through the Celtic Market to find a kilt or a new tam. Peruse the British Car show. Watch the Sheepdogs at work herding. Enter in the Tug of War! There's something for everyone!



We give cheers to our opening day with the Taste of the Highlands Saturday night, Aug. 31st. Enjoy an evening in a Celtic Lounge atmosphere sipping wines and whiskeys, meads and ales from some of the world's most celebrated producers. Appetizers will be served up by some of Canmore's finest restaurants.

Over the two days of the Canmore Highland Games, festival tents will showcase additional

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entertainment from local bands and Irish Step Dancers. An additional ticket can be purchased for a special Scotch-tasting experience.

And be sure to join us for our kitchen party, the Canmore Ceilidh, on Sunday, Sept. 1st. This year, coming all the way from Glasgow, we have the Rollin Drones, a dynamic, energetic, 6-piece bagpipe pop band, here to close out our weekend of events with the party of the summer!



The Canmore Highland Games have grown significantly since their inception, becoming a major event in Canmore's cultural calendar. Held annually on the Labour Day weekend, the games attract participants and spectators from across Canada and beyond. The event is a vibrant celebration of Scottish culture and summer festival in the Rocky Mountains that you don't want to miss.

Come Celebrate Celtic Culture With Us Aug. 31 & Sept. 1! Get all the details and tickets at CanmoreHighlandGames.ca or feel free to [contact us](#) with your questions.

Clan Carruthers Canada



2024 Gathering and inauguration of Chief

Carruthers are holding a gathering in Annan 24-25 of August, where our chief Peter Carruthers of Holmains will be inaugurated into his role.

Carruthers were without Chief for 210 years after the death of John Carruthers of Holmains, 8th Baron. In 2019 after nearly 2 years of analysis of the petition and two court hearings of the Lyon Court, Peter Carruthers of Holmains was confirmed Chief of the Name and Arms of Carruthers, through his right to bear the Chiefly arms of Carruthers.

The event is tagged on to the Annan Festival in the ancestral home of Carruthers in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. The gathering will include speakers, a ceilidh, trips to Carruthers sites and genealogical/DNA advice.

The Regional Commissioner for Canada is Andrew James Carruthers, the Regional Secretary, Laurie C Caron, may be contacted at lauriemcaron@icloud.com

[For more information on the gathering click here or the image below](#)



2024 Carruthers Gathering: Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, August 24-25

- *Meet the Chief: Dr Peter Carruthers of Holmains*
- *Genealogical Assistance*
- *DNA Project*
- *Linked to the Annan Festival*
- *Inauguration*
- *Speakers on Carruthers related history and current events*
- *Ceilidh dance*
- *Tour covering Carruthers sites*
- *Clan and Family Tent*



The Dispossessed - Book Promotion

In the heart of the picturesque Eastern Townships of Quebec, amidst a time of social upheaval in the late 19th century, a legend was born. "The Dispossessed" is a gripping tale that delves into the extraordinary story of the Megantic Outlaw Donald Morrison, a captivating folk hero whose legacy echoed through the ages. Told through the eyes of a young reporter, this compelling story explores the intertwined destinies of the Outlaw, the reporter, and the woman they both love as they navigate a world of lawlessness, harsh justice, and the pursuit of truth.

A deft, sure-footed tale of treachery and love complete with a star-crossed hero, an implacable reporter, and a plot that crackles on every page. Like a bowl of great chips—you can't stop eating 'til you're done!

Matthew Hart, Bestselling author of *Diamond and The Russian Pink*

I stayed up all night to finish this book. I have not done that in a LONG time! McLeod has developed great characters who are complex with real psychological depth. He has chosen to investigate a fascinating little known real event in Canadian history that has not been researched to death. With a fascinating plot and characters that jump off the page, he's got a winner.

Cathy Gildiner, Bestselling author of *Good Morning Monster*

*The narrative is by Peter Span, a cub reporter who is trying to make his mark by sensationalizing a local hero. The tension between the two ambitious men underscores a captivating adventure that seems destined for a second life on the large or small screen. Meanwhile, *The Dispossessed* makes for a great read.*

Sandra Martin, Bestselling author of *Great Canadian Lives*.

Just galloped through your rollicking tale of Canadian cowboys, a newly minted and deeply idealistic reporter, rural Scottish diehards, sleazy lawmen and a strong willed, solid woman with a surprisingly intense commitment to integrity. I really enjoyed your book Ian and now Ralph can. That was a massive undertaking and you did it very well. I thank you for the entertainment.

Susan Lee

Just finished it. Loved it. Could not put it down. Saw your incredible skill in depicting the dispossessed journalist enchanting/enticing/beguiling the dispossessed settler. Beautifully done. Extraordinary story. I spent a fair amount of time in that area decades ago.

Fabulous to see it come alive in 1887. Thank you.

Mary Janigan

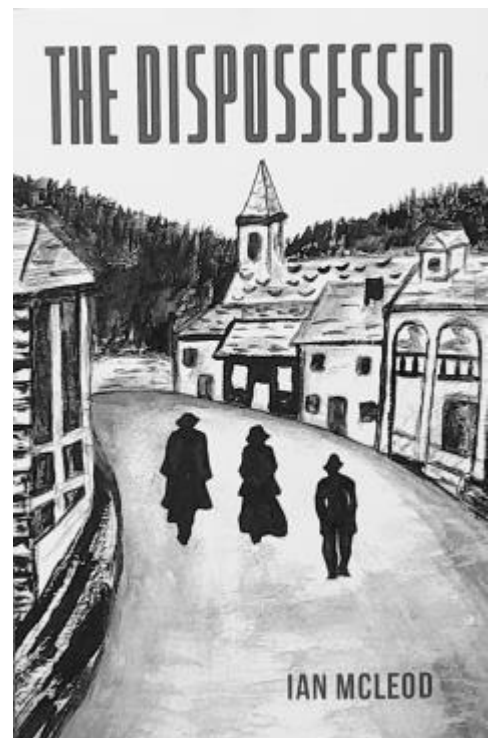
A great tale. With a nice bit of journalism and the ethics of storytelling thrown in for good measure. The same story could have been written about many scientific discoveries and who deserves credit and respect. Thanks for writing and publishing it. You can be proud of your accomplishments.

Mark Lautens

About the author

Ian McLeod is a former documentary film maker and winner of multiple awards for his work. He has been an Executive Producer of the current affairs program W5. He was raised in the Eastern Townships of Quebec where this story occurs.

[Click the book cover](#) to find on Amazon or search 'dispossessed mcleod'



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I WANT A KILT!



House of Cassady - Unique opportunity to make your very own Scottish kilt!

There's nothing more iconically Scottish than the kilt. They often come in different forms, and variable materials, but there is a long rooted tradition of kiltmaking that has specific methods of construction associated with it. Almost entirely stitched by hand, an heirloom grade kilt should last more than a lifetime (well, unless it's really seeing hard wear, such as pipers and dancers).

Come on a kiltmaking adventure with me, Robin Cassady-Cain. I trained in traditional kiltmaking methods in Scotland at a professional level Kiltmaker's academy on the Royal Mile of Edinburgh.

Almost entirely stitched by hand, on this four day workshop, you will learn how to measure for making a kilt, how to set up the kilt length to "the stripe", and the multiple different steps, using a variety of stitches, that go into making a finished, traditional Scottish kilt.

This adventure will take place over the month of November 2024 at the Contemporary Textile Studio (<https://www.textilestudio.ca/>) in Toronto. The Contemporary Textile Studio Co-operative was established in 2006 by a group of textile artists seeking, among other things, a home for the promotion of textile arts and design. The studio is located in 401 Richmond Street West, a well-known cultural hub in downtown Toronto that is home to many galleries, artist-run centres, and art collectives.

Registration for the kilt workshop will not open until later in the summer, but you can register your interest in the course by email to me (Robin) at : houseofcassady@gmail.com and I will let you know when registration opens.

Register at <https://www.textilestudio.ca/current-workshops/p/traditional-scottish-kiltmaking>. Registration will close mid-September. If you are interested in taking the course, but the dates don't work, email to register your interest and be informed of future dates (houseofcassady@gmail.com)



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Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada - Scots Canada

Clan Macfie Society in Canada - Special Announcement



Dear Clan Members,

Please find on the next page our new announcement that all Clan McDuffee/Macfie Societies from around the world, will now begin to advertise in various publications.

Once you click onto the www.clannameandcommandersearch.com webpage, at the top you will see Home, then Settling the Name and Commander Search.

Further down on the Home page you will see 3 links for documents to submit on:

1. Your thoughts on what we should be called as a Clan, deadline 15-SEP-2024
2. If you wish to put your name forward for the Clan Commander, deadline 01-DEC-2024
3. If you wish to attend the Family Convention next May, deadline 01-JAN-2025

Thank you for reading all this information. Wishing you a great summer ahead.

Kind regards,

Gary MacPhie
President, Clan Macfie Society in Canada
416-275-7490

Clan Macfie Society in Canada - Special Announcement

THE SEARCH FOR A CLAN COMMANDER (CEANN-CATH) & SETTLING THE NAME OF THE CLAN

The Clan that comprises the surnames MacAfee, MacDubhsith, MacDuffie, Macfie/MacPhee, and certain other cognates* is currently without a Chief or a Clan Commander (Ceann-Cath).

The worldwide search is on to find a suitable candidate for the vacant post of Commander, who will provide leadership, forward development of the Clan, and drive the process to identify a suitable Chief. The Clan is also in the process of settling the name of the Clan.

The Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland has authorised a Family Convention to be held May 17, 2025 at which nominees for the position of Commander will be considered by eligible individuals of the entire Clan.

Prior to this date the Clan will also settle on a Clan name.

The Clan requires a candidate with the right skill-set and knowledge and who is also well acquainted with the history of the Clan and Scotland's history and heritage generally. That person must also have the time, energy, ability, resources and enthusiasm to attend Scottish Games and Gatherings and to promote the Clan at these and other public events. The Commander is a crucial leader and ambassador for the Clan as it plans its future. Any Commander must be able to work closely with the various Clan Societies and Associations worldwide.

To this end, the Clan is seeking applications from suitable qualified persons bearing one of the Clan surnames. There is more information, guidance regarding participation and the necessary documentation at the following: at www.clannameandcommandersearch.com

Contact: clannameandcommandersearch@mail.com

** For the avoidance of doubt, the original Warrant from the Lord Lyon included the line: "...the Family comprising the surnames MacDuffie, MacDuffee, MacDuffy, MacFee, MacFie, MacPhee, MacPhie and other accepted cognates..."*

Falkirk Supporters Society

The following is a request for support from the [Falkirk Supporters Society](#), based in Falkirk, a town in the Central Lowlands of Scotland.



Background/History of Falkirk

The members of your society may have some connection to Falkirk as the town has a long and varied rich history.

This includes the **Antonine Wall**, which stretches across the centre of Scotland, passing through the town which marked the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. Much of the best evidence of Roman occupation in Scotland has been found in Falkirk, including a large hoard of Roman coins.



Map of the Antonine Wall

Falkirk is also a well-known historic sight of two famous Scottish battles.

- The **Battle of Falkirk** fought on 22 July 1298, saw the defeat of William Wallace by King Edward I of England. The battle was famously re-enacted in the 1995 movie *Braveheart* depicting the life of William Wallace played by Mel Gibson.
- The **Battle of Falkirk Muir** took place on 17 January 1746, the Jacobites under Charles Edward Stuart Defeated a government army commanded by Lieutenant General Henry Hawley.

The memorial in the picture is in the village of Wallacestone, just south of Falkirk, on the site reputed to be where William Wallace watched over the Battle of Falkirk.



William Wallace memorial

Falkirk Supporters Society

The town is at the junction of the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals, a location which proved key to its growth as a centre of heavy industry during the Industrial Revolution. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Falkirk was at the centre of the iron and steel industry, underpinned by the Carron Company. The company made very many different items, from flat irons to kitchen ranges to fireplaces to benches to railings and many other items, but also carronades, small cannons, for the Royal Navy.

James Watt cast some of the beams for his early steam engine designs at the Carron Iron Works in 1765.



Carron Iron Works.



A Carronade made in Falkirk

John Logie Baird, who invented the television, held a demonstration of the 1st television in the Temperance Cafe, Falkirk, in late 1925, weeks before he officially unveiled his invention to the public.



John Logie Baird

Falkirk Supporters Society

The [Rosebank Distillery](#)'s history begins in 1840 in Camelon, Falkirk. Success followed and, by the 20th Century, Rosebank was revered the world over as 'The King of the Lowlands'. The doors of the Rosebank closed in 1993, with the original stills stolen during the Christmas and New Year holiday of 2008/09. However, in 2017 the site was acquired, and the distillery and the famous Rosebank whisky, will return to the town of Falkirk in 2024.



Construction of the new Rosebank Distillery

Falkirk has become synonymous with the remarkable feat of engineering that is the [Falkirk Wheel](#), the only rotating boat lift of it's kind in the world linking the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals that opened in 2002.



Aerial view of The Falkirk Wheel

The most striking feature of Falkirk's landscape is the 98 feet high [Kelpies](#), opened in 2014 reflecting the mythological transforming beasts possessing the strength and endurance of ten horses. The Kelpies represent the lineage of the heavy horse of Scottish industry and economy, pulling the wagons, ploughs, barges, and coalships that shaped the geographical layout of the Falkirk area.



The Kelpies by day



The Kelpies by night

Falkirk Football Club

Falkirk is also the proud home of Falkirk Football Club, the town's professional football (soccer) team established in 1876.

The club played its home matches at Brockville Park until 2004 when the new Falkirk Stadium was built, and the club's most notable victories were its Scottish Cup wins in 1913 and 1957. The club is most proud of its links to the Falkirk Community supporting the development of youth football for boys and girls from an early age through to its senior men's and women's teams. The Club's nickname is The Falkirk Bairs. A "Bairn" is the Scottish word for a child, and those born in the Falkirk region are affectionately known as a "Falkirk Bairn".

The Club's community links have been extended as it recently has become a fan owned club consisting of a Patrons Group, Major shareholders, and the Falkirk Supporters Society.



Our Society – The Falkirk Supporters Society

Falkirk Supporters Society are a democratically organised group who buy shares in Falkirk Football Club.

We currently own over 25% of the Club's shareholding using them collectively on behalf of our members for the best future of the Club and we have two Directors elected by our members on the board of the football Club and we campaign for the benefits of supporters.

Falkirk Supporters Society has members based in the United Kingdom and across the globe as can be seen from the map below and we are aiming to expand our membership both in the UK and across the globe as we further develop our own communities of supporters far and wide.

For more details on the Falkirk Supporters Society, contact us at subscriptions@falkirk supporters.org

Thank you on behalf of the Falkirk Supporters Society

Stuart Graudus
Chairman of Falkirk Supporters Society



Festival News

Featured Guest tickets on sale, Clan applications due and parade details!

FEATURED GUEST SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:30PM - Maria Doyle Kennedy in Concert

10:00PM - Post-Concert VIP Meet & Greet with Maria and Duncan **SOLD OUT**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH

5:30PM - VIP Meet & Greet with Maria and Duncan **LOW TICKET ALERT**

6:30PM - *Conversation Panel with Maria and Duncan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

9:30AM - VIP Meet & Greet with Maria and Duncan **LOW TICKET ALERT**

10:30AM - *Conversation Panel with Maria and Duncan

2:00PM - VIP Meet & Greet with Maria and Duncan **LOW TICKET ALERT**

3:00PM - *Conversation Panel with Maria and Duncan

5:00PM - VIP Tea Time Meet & Greet with Duncan Lacroix

8:00PM - "An Outlandish Nightcap" **LOW TICKET ALERT**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

9:30AM - VIP Meet & Greet with Maria and Duncan

10:30AM - *Conversation Panel with Maria and Duncan

1:00PM - "Keepin' it Reel" with Maria and Duncan

*Conversation panels are free to attend and are not ticketed (first come, first served)



Meet Outlander stars Maria Doyle Kennedy and Duncan Lacroix! It's going to be an Aunt Jocasta and Murtagh Fraser reunion this summer. Tickets for our Featured Guest events are going fast so be sure to purchase your event of choice soon!

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games



Calling all Clans!

Clan registration will be closing on August 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm. Be sure to complete the application well in advance so our Clans & Heritage Committee has plenty of time to approve you and send you the payment link. [Click here to learn more.](#)

APPLY NOW

Pipes, Plaid & Pageantry Parade

Taking place Thursday, August 8th to kick-off Festival weekend!
[Parade registration](#) is open now!

LEARN MORE



Glengarry Highland Games



Home to the North American Pipe Band Championship and also featuring Heavyweights, Dancing, and Scottish Fiddles

34 Fair Street, Maxville, ON K0C 1T0

Greetings from the Glengarry Highland Games! We're brimming with excitement as we make plans for our **75th Edition** this coming August.

This year's special edition of the Gathering of the Clans is taking place on Friday August 2nd and Saturday August 3rd. We hope a record number of clans will answer the call of the pipes this year and join us to celebrate our Celtic heritage and the warmth of our Scottish community as we mark our 75th Games in our beloved county.

To register for the 2024 Glengarry Highland Games, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/1JckEUMqtX7o4dGd9>

I look forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reply to this email. If you will be unable to join us this year, we would appreciate you sending us an email to let us know.

Additionally, as we look to celebrate this important milestone edition, we are gathering any and all ideas for how to mark the event with the Clans. If you have an idea you'd like to share, please reach out!

See you at the Games!

Mòran taing,

William Hinse-MacCulloch,

Director, Clans

Glengarry Highland Games

clans@glengarryhighlandgames.com

Glengarry Highland Games

Featuring Scotland's National Chef Gary MacLean

Two Appearances : Friday, August, 2024 – 11:00 pm and 1:00 pm in the tent (included in your admission)

Born in Glasgow, award-winning chef Gary Maclean has spent 35 years at the forefront of Scotland's hospitality industry, overseeing the opening and development of over 80 venues throughout the country.

In recognition of his achievements, the Scottish Government appointed Gary as Scotland's National Chef, a role in which he volunteers to assist with food health, education, and the promotion of Scottish produce across the globe. A passionate advocate for food education, particularly for children, Gary has served the City of Glasgow College for over 25 years, earning widespread recognition for his work in this field.

Gary's contributions to education and the culinary world have been celebrated through numerous accolades, including induction into the Scotland Colleges Hall of Fame, fellowships with the Master Chefs of Great Britain and the International Institute of Hospitality Management India, and winning Educator of the Year in 2016 from the Craft Guild of Chefs, and Chef Lecturer of the Year in 2017 from the CiS Awards. Also in 2017 Gary was awarded the Peter Jukes Fellows award for Education from the MasterChef's of Great Britain. In 2021, he received the Mark Twain Award from the St. Andrews Society of New York State, while the Professional Association for Catering Education (PACE) recognized him with the Best Industry Ambassador Award in 2023.

Gary is also a seasoned presenter both on Radio and TV, hosting shows like BBC Landward and Corner Shop Cook off, as well as being a regular guest on shows both in the UK and the USA.

In 2016, Gary became BBC's MasterChef: The Professionals champion, beating 47 other professional chefs. Since his victory, he has travelled extensively to promote Scottish food and culture worldwide, visiting countries such as the USA, Singapore, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Colombia, Barbados, Cuba, France, and Canada. Gary is also a published author, with books including Kitchen Essentials: The Joy of Home Cooking, Gary Maclean's Scottish Kitchen, and Great FE Teaching. His latest book, Scottish Celebrations, was released in November 2023, and The Scottish Kitchen was published in August 2023 in North America by Penguin Random House. Additionally, Gary owns two Edinburgh-based businesses—a sustainable seafood restaurant, Creel Caught, and a Scottish deli, Soup & Caboodle.

Keep up with Gary Maclean's latest news and culinary adventures on his website www.garymacchef.com



House of Gordon



Greetings from the House of Gordon,

Our Clan's attendance at games and festivals starts January in Florida and slowly moves north. I know from our converters in the south, they are always amazed how many Canadians visit the games. Now it's our turn here in Ontario.

We just attended the Northumberland Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Port Hope, ON. It was good to see my fellow clan folk, some old and some new. Thank you to the Games organizers as everything went well, considering it was a new location. Great job by Terry Myles of Clan MacNeil for looking after Clan Avenue. Once again Bill Petrie, chair of CAS-SOC, was excellent in promoting our Scottish heritage and providing information about our Clan members.

This year we will be at The Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, ON and of course the The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Hope to see you at the games.

Exciting news from our President, Jennifer Mills-Martin that our Chief, Granville Gordon, the 13th Marquess of Huntly will be visiting us in January 2025 at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. The last time our Chief visited us from Scotland was in 2017. We will be the honoured Clan at those games.

I can be reached at houseofgordoncanada@gmail.com Check out the "House of Gordon-Canada" Facebook page. Our website is houseofgordonusa.org.

Bydand

Shane Kelly

Canadian Convener

House of Gordon Canada/USA



House of Burnett International - New Member



Website: <https://www.houseofburnett.org/>

Membership: info@houseofburnett.org

Crest: A cubit arm, the hand naked, vested vert, doubled argent, pruning a vine tree with a pruning knife, proper.

Motto: Virescit Vulnere Virtus , (Courage Flourishes at a Wound)

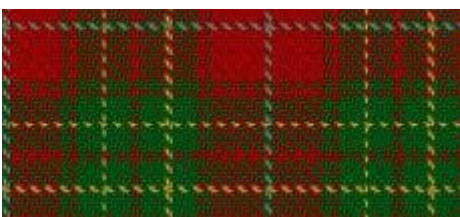
SURNAME VARIANTS:

“Burnett, Burnet, Burnette, Barnet, Barnett, Barnette, Bernit, Bernat, Burnap, Macburnet, or other spelling variation

A SHORT HISTORY:

Whether Burnet(t) evolved from Burnard/Bernard or was an individual surname in its own right has been debated. Whilst 11th century records of Burnard/Bernard exist in Anglo-Saxon England in Bedfordshire, Hampshire and Wiltshire and later in the 13th century in southern Scotland, there are several instances where the name can be shown to be interchangeable. There are also differing opinions as to whether the early members of the family had Norman or Anglo-Saxon origins. Burnards were given the large barony of Farningdoun / Farnington in Roxburghshire, Scotland under a new system of land-holding instigated by King David I. As King David had a particular wish to introduce Norman or Flemish settlers to his Scottish kingdom it would not be unreasonable to assume that the Burnards were of that extraction. In this area the name evolved to Burnet and the family became associated with the lands of Burnetland and Barns. A John Burnard accompanied King David II on his journey south ending in the defeat of the King at the Battle of Neville’s Cross in 1346. Burnard, who owned Scottish lands of Ardrross in Fife and of Currie in Midlothian, was killed in 1346. Alexander Burnard had his services to King Robert I rewarded by the granting of lands on the banks of the River Dee, in the parish of Banchory Ternan west of Aberdeen. He was, for a time, Keeper of the adjacent Royal Forest of Drum, the badge of office of which is considered to be the Horn of Leys. The procedure of ‘Cornage’ comprised the use of a symbolic horn in the process of land grants (a form of lease from the Crown). His descendants, the principal family of Burnett of Leys, gave rise to a number of branches in north- east Scotland namely Burnett of Craigmyle, Burnett of Camphill, Burnett of Crimond, Burnett of Kemnay, Burnett of Elrick, Burnett of Countesswells & Kepplestone, Burnett-Stuart, Burnett of Lethenty, Burnett of Kirkhill, Burnett of Daladies and Burnett of Powis along with Burnett of Monboddo and Burnett-Ramsay of Balmain both in Kincardineshire. From the 16th century the main residence of the Burnetts of Leys was Crathes Castle and the present Chief of the family James C. A. Burnett of Leys lives nearby at House of Crathes. The Burnetts of Leys also acquired and extended Muchalls Castle, located a short distance away near the coast, completing the work in 1627.

Modern



Dress



Hunting



Kennedy Society of North America



Much has happened in the Kennedy Society in the past few months:

* the AGM was held on April 20 at Loch Norman (April 20-21), with a complete change in officers. As the bylaws state that the Society Chief can only serve four one year terms, Dave Carrick was succeeded by Sean Carrick (Fort Mill SC). Samantha Dodson (Hendersonville NC) was elected as Deputy Chief, Rick Hageman (Spruce Pine NC) as Treasurer, and Nina Eppes (Nashua NH) is now Secretary. The AGM was well attended, but unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate on Sunday: things closed down early on Sunday due to a steady and cold drizzle.

* Order of the Dolphin awards were presented to: Joanne Engelhardt/retiring Secretary; Tom Kennedy/retiring chaplain, and; Paul Kennedy, retiring President of the Robert Burns Association of North America. Additionally, Leo Kennedy was given a stained glass reproduction of the 2nd Corp Artillery regimental flag (Leo is a Civil War reenactor).

* the Society was represented at several games: Loch Norman NC/Sean and Tammy Carrick; SavannahGA/David and Irene Phelps; Smoky MountainTN/Rob and Karen Kennedy; Greenville SC/Dave and Amy Carrick; Old Orchard Beach ME/Leo Kennedy; Blairsville GA/David and Irene Phelps, and; Cleveland OH/Bill and Julie Kennedy.

*upcoming games are Grandfather Mountain/Samantha Dodson and Rick and Kim Hageman, Fergus ON/Lydia Kennedy, The Plains VA/Sean Carrick, and Middle Tennessee/Bill and Melissa Kennedy. For the full schedule, please refer to the Events tab on the KSNA website (kennedysociety.org).

* the Kennedy Society has a new CASSOC delegate in Janet Kennedy from Ottawa ON. Janet replaces Andrew McMurtry/Toronto, who ably served in that position for the past few years.

The Kennedy Society hopes to see you throughout the year, and encourages your participation!

From David Carrick, Chief First-Class Retired



Janet Anne Kennedy

Hi, my name is Janet and I am the new delegate from the Kennedy Society of North America.

I was born and raised in Cornwall ON and currently reside in Ottawa ON. I am retired from the Federal Public Service and have served in the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserves.

I have a BA in Mass Communication from Carleton University, along with several college diplomas and professional courses. I am a volunteer with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and enjoy genealogical research, reading and creative writing.

If I can be of assistance, you can reach me at janniekm1@hotmail.com

Kennedy Society of North America



Bill and Melissa Kennedy at Smoky Mountain



Colin Grant-Adams and former KSNA chief Chris Kennedy



Dave Carrick-Chief First Class Retired and Andy Buckhout-Drum Major, City of Greenville Pipes and Drums

Kennedy Society of North America



Dave Carrick-Chief First Class Retired, Sean Carrick-Chief, John Flower- co-founder and first KSNA chief



David Phelps entertaining at the Kennedy tent Blairsville



Rick Hageman-Treasurer, Nina Eppes-Secretary, Samantha Dodson-Deputy Chief, Sean Carrick-Chief

Kennedy Society of North America



KSNA AGM banquet



Smokey Mountain Tartan Parade

James and Beth Lisk, Amy and Dave Carrick, Sean Carrick, John and Eleanor Flowers, Letitia Short, Marvin Short



Clan MacNeil in Canada Association

MacNeil Gathering 2024

Join us at the Fergus Games and the MacNeil Gathering (Aug. 10)

The countdown is on for the Fergus Games and the MacNeil Gathering, and there's still time to make plans to join us!

GAMES: The Fergus Games (Friday, August 9-Sunday, 11) is a jam-packed event with band competitions, highland dance, heavy weight championships, whisky tastings, exciting special guests, and genealogy workshops. President of Clan MacNeil in Canada, Vince MacNeil, will be on site to share his unmatched knowledge about our MacNeils. The family-friendly weekend is also a great opportunity to introduce the new generation to their rich Scottish heritage in a fully immersive setting. Find out more information about events at www.fergusscottishfestival.com.



Clan MacNeil in Canada will be there all weekend! Come see us at our tent.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Join us for the opening ceremonies at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 10. No need to wear tartan or anything special, we just want as many MacNeils as possible walking together!

MERCHANDISE: There will be t-shirts and hats available to buy at our tent, but you can buy them online beforehand too if you'd like: <https://www.clanmacneilincanada.ca/shop>. Order by July 12, 2024 to guarantee it's shipped to you in enough time!

GATHERING: All MacNeils are invited to gather at the The Red Door Restaurant from 7-9 pm on Saturday, August 10 for a free event. It will be a relaxed evening with appetizers, entertainment and storytelling, a few short talks about Clan MacNeil history, and the chance to meet different MacNeils of all spellings.

Red Door Restaurant
212 St Andrew St W,
Fergus, ON

ACCOMMODATIONS: We've secured a discounted rate for MacNeils at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Guelph as our "homebase" for MacNeils during the weekend. Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton – Guelph 725 Imperial Road North Guelph, ON N1K 1X4

Please call the hotel directly at 519-821-2144 and mention the name "Clan MacNeil" for the special rate. Although reservations are not guaranteed past May 31, 2024, folks have had success booking after that date. Once the reservation is made, there is no complimentary changes or cancellation allowed after Wednesday July 26, 2024.

RSVP: There is no need to formally RSVP, but if you do plan to come, we'd love to know! Please email Terry Myles at tmcneill.myles1880@hotmail.com; he is also available to answer any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Clan MacEwen Society



Clan MacEwen Family Gathering - by Maggie McEwan

Clan MacEwen held the Clan MacEwen family Gathering, 6th – 9th June 2024 in Otter Ferry, Argyll, Scotland.

During the first 3 days we enjoyed Gaelic Classes with Emily McEwan every morning, social meetings with Sir John McEwan, our Commander, every afternoon, organized walks to both the MacEwen Motte and the MacEwen Cairn. The Cairn is believed to mark the position of the MacEwen castle. On Saturday morning we held the Clan MacEwen Society AGM and the MacEwen Family Convention in the afternoon. There were many other activities...games for the children, Ceilidhs in the evenings.... On Sunday we walked to the MacEwen Wood and Orchard in Tighnabruaich, followed by Kirkin 'O the Tartan in the main tent and Farewells.

The weather was not conducive to enjoying many outside activities, sadly we were not able to enjoy boat tours on Loch Fyne, but that did not spoil the incredible atmosphere.



In 1794, Rev. Alexander MacFarlane wrote in his Statistical Account of the parish of Kilfinan; "On a rocky point on the coast of Loch Fyne about a mile below the church is to be seen the vestige of a building called Caisteal Mhic Eoghain, or Mac Ewen's castle".

In 1990, The Clan Ewen Society had a cairn erected among the ruins of Caisteal Mhic Eoghain near Kilfinan on the shores of Loch Fyne.



Clan MacLennan Canada



Greetings Canadian Clans and Scottish Societies,

This summer Clan MacLennan Canada is expanding our representation in "The Avenue of the Clans" at several Highland Games. Come and say hello to us and Mac/McLennans join us in The Clan Parades. Starting in June, Alan MacLennan will attend the Scottish Festival in Coquitlam, B.C. June 14-15 and Sue McLennan will attend the Kingsville-Essex Highland Games, Kingsville, ON. on June 22.

In July, Sue McLennan and Barbara MacLennan will be at the Cambridge Scottish Festival in Cambridge, ON. on July 20.

In August, at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville, ON. our tent will be staffed by Marilyn MacLennan Lawlor, her 3 daughters, Rory MacLennan, Beverly MacLennan and Donald McLennan on Aug. 2-3. At the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Fergus, ON. our tent will be staffed by Melanie and Andy McLennan and Barbara MacLennan. Melanie and Andy will represent Clan MacLennan at the Friday night Tattoo and the Lightin' of the Hearth.

The River Denys Reunion in Cape Breton will be held on the August long weekend of 2024. A committee is organizing an in person reunion of the descendants of Duncan McLennan who arrived in Cape Breton in 1821 at age 81 with his sons. Alan MacLennan is one of four hosts for the event. The event will be available through Eventbrite and advertised on Facebook, Linked In, and X - The River Denys MacLennans, River Denys, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada.

DUNCAN MACLENNAN

(1740 – 1828) Duncan MacLennan, the progenitor of the River Denys MacLennans was born in approximately 1740 in or around the village of Lochcarron on the western shore of the sea loch of the same name (Loch Carron), located in the Ross and Cromarty district of the Scottish Highlands.

Little is known of Duncan's life in Scotland. In approximately 1778 he married May MacDonald (1760-1780) and had two sons, Alexander (Sandy) (1779-?) and Donald (1780-1858). May died the same year that Donald was born. After a few years Duncan married Kate Matheson with whom he had four children, Martha (?-1874), Hugh (1796-1870), Dougald (1800-1873) and Iain Ruadh (Red John) (1802-1879). In 1821, at the age of 81, Duncan emigrated from Lochcarron with his four youngest children. It is unknown when his wife Kate passed away, but it was before the family emigrated.

The two oldest sons, Sandy and Donald, remained in Scotland. Boarding the ship Tamarlin in Plockton, the family is believed to have landed in Pictou, Nova Scotia, before making their way to Malagawatch on Cape Breton Island where they spent their first winter. Duncan's grandchild John (1821-1902), the son of Hugh and his wife Jessie Finlayson (1797-1883), was born there, and believed to be the first non-indigenous child born in the area. The family relocated to River Denys and settled along the north bank of the river where their descendants still reside.

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Duncan had hopes that his oldest sons would join him in River Denys, so he reserved 200 acres of land for them. He also reserved an additional 200 acres for a minister should one become available to the community. Duncan's eldest son, Sandy, joined the British army and remained in the United Kingdom. Nothing is known of Sandy once the rest of the family left Scotland. Duncan's second son, Donald, had become a tailor, with his wife Christine (1790-1861). Donald's pressing iron brought from Scotland is still in the family. Also a MacLennan from Attadale across the Loch from Lochcarron, emigrated in 1824 to join his father in River Denys.

Duncan's four sons that joined him in River Denys produced over 2,300 descendants (and counting!) who spread throughout Canada and the United States. Additional chapters detailing the families of Donald (Tailor), Hugh, Dougald, and Red John will follow in subsequent newsletters. To see if you're a descendant of Duncan MacLennan, and would like access to our family tree on My Heritage, send an email to maclennantree@gmail.com

This year the River Denys MacLennans are gathering back in River Denys for a reunion to celebrate over 200 years of history since Duncan's arrival. For information and to register for the reunion:

- scan the QR code on the reunion image below
- visit <https://rdmaclennanreunion.rsvpify.com>
- send an email to maclennanreunion@gmail.com

To comment on this article, contact Alan MacLennan at alan.maclennan@shaw.ca

**River Denys
MacLennan Reunion** 1821 2024

CALLING ALL DESCENDANTS OF DUNCAN MACLENNAN (1740-1828)
In 1821 Duncan MacLennan emigrated from Lochcarron, Scotland to River Denys, Nova Scotia with his sons Hugh, Dougald, John, and daughter Martha. They were joined in 1824 by Duncan's eldest son, Donald (The Tailor).

Join us on beautiful Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia to celebrate 200+ years of MacLennan history in River Denys – August 2nd to 4th 2024

Friday August 2 – 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm – **Welcome Meet & Greet** – St. Mary's Parish Hall, Glendale
Saturday August 3 – 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm – **Cèilidh** – Bear Head Room, Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre
Sunday August 4 – various times – **Church Services** – Forbes United River Denys and others
Sunday August 4 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – **BBQ Picnic** – St. Mary's Parish Hall, Glendale

For more information and to register scan QR code or visit: <https://rdmaclennanreunion.rsvpify.com>

Clan MacLennan Canada

Clan MacLennan Gathering in Scotland

The worldwide Clan MacLennan Gathering this year is at Strathpeffer, in the romantic Scottish Highlands.

Strathpeffer became a popular spa destination in the second half of the 1800s – so there’s plenty of accommodation for a Clan Gathering.

Ruairidh MacLennan of MacLennan the Clan Chief called for Clan members from Canada and elsewhere to join together there in fun and fellowship.

The Gathering programme has been designed to appeal to a wide range of interests – including a guided visit to a vitrified ancient fort overlooking the village (on Knockfarrel), A full day of History, Genealogy and research, Whisky Tasting, Clan Parliament, Ceilidh in the Pavilion, Walk in a Highland Glen, and more.

For more visit: www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com

Bruce McLennan FRSA - Clan MacLennan Genealogy

www.clanmaclennan-worldwide.com/genealogy

includes

- link to the free e-book: A Guide to MacLennan Places across Scotland
- link to Finding your Scottish Ancestors videos



Strathpeffer looking to Knockfarrel, by James Valentine



Chief Ruairidh MacLennan of MacLennan

Clan MacLennan Canada

Calling MacLennan descendants to Strathpeffer, Scotland

The storied origins of the Clan MacLennan focus on the area around the Five Sisters of Kintail – located in the West Coast mountains inland from Skye. The Clan became loyal supporters of the McKenzie (later “Seaforth”) chiefs from the 1300s – including roles at their strategically located Donan’s island (Eilean Donan), Kintail.

By the 1500s, the McKenzies, with McLennans and other supporters, had acquired the main route from west to east – through Strathconon, and, by 1630, controlled Lochalsh, Lochcarron, Applecross, Gairloch, the Isle of Lewis, and parts of the Black Isle. In the 1620s, the powerful Seaforths established their principal castle at Brahan near Strathpeffer.

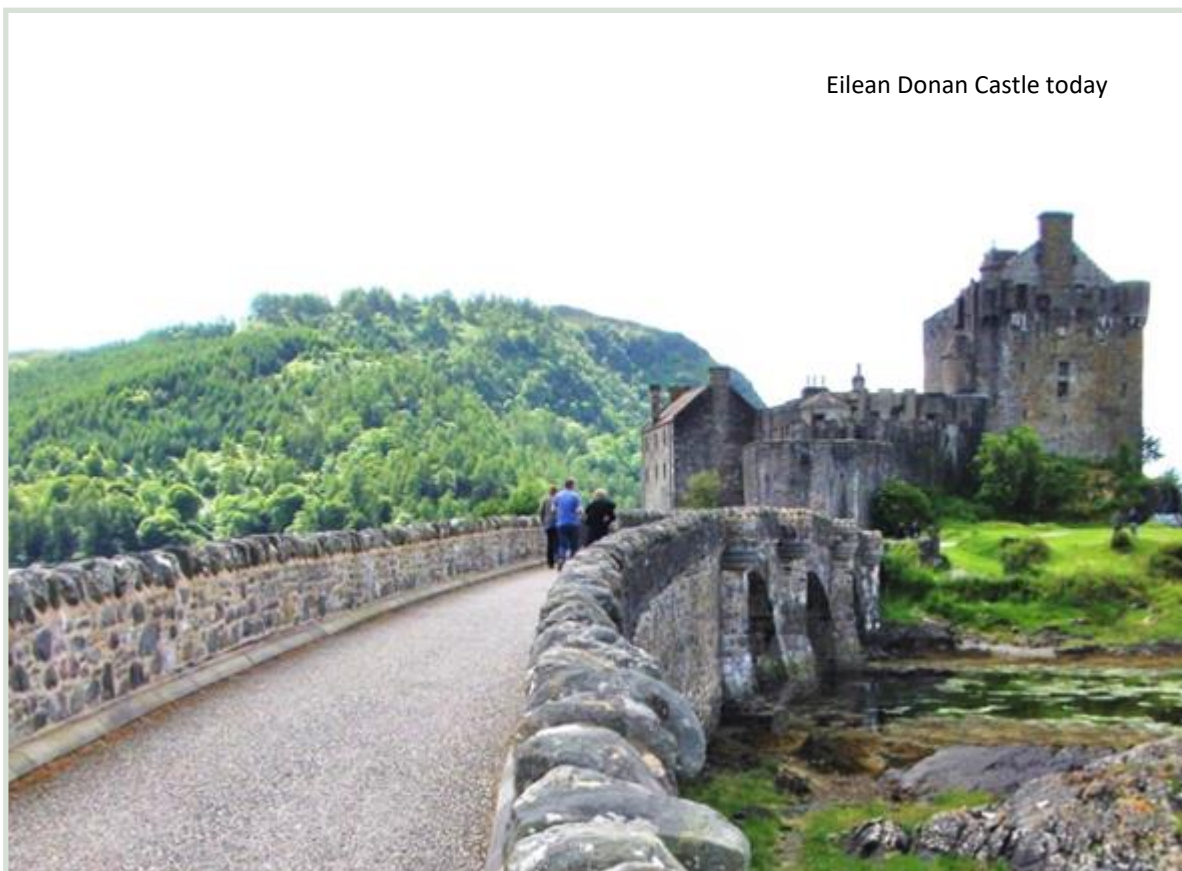
The fort on Eilean Donan was destroyed by English forces in 1719 and would remain in ruin for over 200 years. The parts mentioned above are the main districts where MacLennans were to be found in earlier times.

I have gone to three Worldwide Mac/McLennan Scottish Gatherings and explored my husband’s ancestral part of the Highlands and I can promise you it is the most wonderful experience of a lifetime.

Hoping to be reacquainted with many Clan friends and make new friends among the Clans this summer. See you at The Games!

Cheers,

Barbara MacLennan



Montreal Highland Games



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Buy now and get your tickets at the special early-bird price (Till July 21) of \$17.50!

Montreal Highland Games



Don't miss Gleadhraich—all the way from Scotland!

We are thrilled to welcome **Gleadhraich**, "Scotland's premier bagpipe rock band," to our Ceilidh Tent! Their high-energy, Scottish-flavoured rock and pop performance is sure to get the crowd on its feet.

Also returning to the stage is **Mariner's Curse**, a beloved fixture of the Montreal Highland Games for many years!



Clan Munro Association of Canada

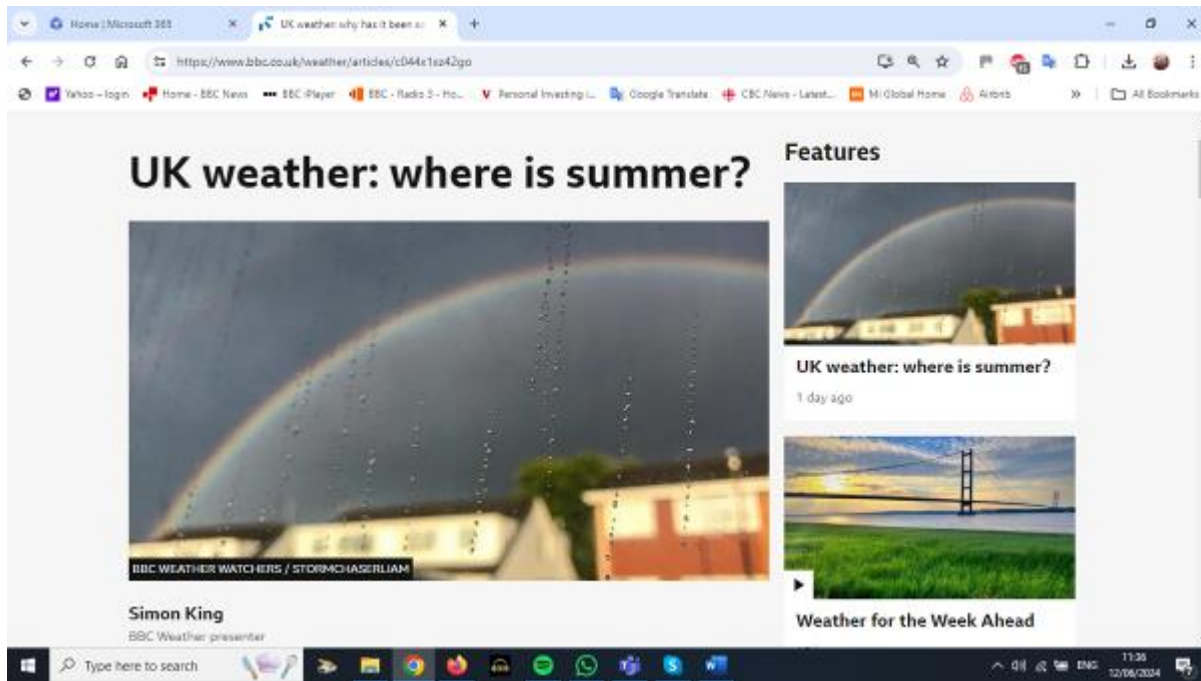
From the President's Keyboard

June 2024

Dear Cousins,

To quote Robbie Burns, "The best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley". How sadly true! All that talk in my last communique about 'lifestyle changes' were all terribly well-intended but a tad miss-timed. I'll be starting my new health regime next week – or soon anyway...

The weather here in Britain has been dreadful. Cold, wet, windy days have been rarely broken with sight of the sun, or any semblance of warmth. And this has been happening for weeks now. This land of mould and mildew has a reputation for damp, inclement weather. But the current bout of bad weather here has been making headline news.



I can only hope that temperatures and sunshine are more in abundance wherever you may be. The British love to complain about the weather. It's a national pastime and it's a topic that will always be welcomed whether you are talking with your closest friends or a complete stranger in a taxi queue. Even the upcoming parliamentary election takes second place when it comes to griping about the rain and the cold. Mind you, this election promises relatively small voter turnout as I believe people are tired of scandal, rhetoric and generally failing living standards.

The recent online Annual General Meeting for the Clan Munro Association of Canada was well-attended.

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Plans are afoot for an autumnal online session that will be more social than anything. Please plan to join us. Details will be passed along in due course and if you have problems using Zoom, we are more than happy to help you navigate the foibles of technology we all have to deal with, from time to time.

If you have a spare £500,000 (\$877,000) and are looking for the ultimate getaway, the remote Scottish island of Mullagrach is up for sale.



Photo courtesy of SkyNews

The island is remote, to say the least, and is off the Highland coast in a group of islands called 'The Summer Isles'. There are now inhabitants and you have to use a small local ferry to get you there. The island has a small, environmentally-friendly hut for accommodation – but that's it.

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Mind you, writing to you all about remote, cabins in the wilderness is like ‘taking coals to Newcastle’. After more than forty years of living abroad, I still miss the accessibility of the great outdoors we have in Canada. The affordability too of winterised chalets and small homes set beside pristine lakes makes the whole prospect of getting away from it all, such a wonderful bonus of Canadian living. I know our cherished Secretary, Jo Ann Tuskin loves spending time at her cottage north of Toronto.

Once the weather improves here in Britain, another of my many intentions is to start taking advantage of the walking paths that stretch across the countryside here. I live next to the North York Moors which to be honest are wonderfully atmospheric, in spite of the inclement weather. You just have to remember to dress for any eventuality.

So, there are plenty of things to motivate and look forward to, amidst the dripping eaves and higher energy bills. It’s so important to get out and enjoy nature and remember our place within our world, let alone the universe.

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Roseberry Topping – photo courtesy of Country Life Magazine

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I wish you all a glorious few summer months ahead. I hope you and your families all are enjoying robust health and I look forward to seeing you online at least, in the fall.

Yours aye,

John

North Lanark Highland Games - New Member



Join us for the 39th Annual North Lanark Highland Games!

Celebrate the Scottish culture and heritage of the Ottawa Valley at the 39th annual North Lanark Highland Games in Almonte, Ontario. The Games offer a traditional format and size attracting about 3,000 visitors. Twenty pipe bands, a hundred dancers and champion heavyweight athletes combine to present what is recognized as one of the Ottawa Valley's premier summer events.

With Mini-Highland Games and free admission for kids 11 & under, and the picturesque Mississippi River as the backdrop, the Almonte Games have a reputation not only as having the prettiest site but also as being the friendliest Games on the Ontario circuit.

North Lanark Highland Games hosts the 2024 CSAF Open Championships

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Saturday August 24, 2024

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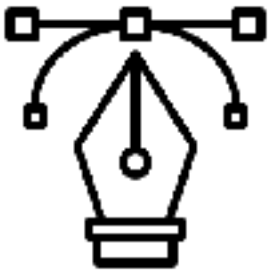
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I will play a crucial role in visually representing and promoting your clan and family identity.

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I can help you stay organized and plan for the future of your clan's visual identity.



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Orillia Scottish Festival - New Member

The 46th Annual Orillia Scottish Festival, honouring Clan Fleming, will be taking place July 19 -21, 2024 in the heart , ON, Canada. Come hear the skirl of the pipes and beat to your own drum as we gather to celebrate and honour Scottish traditions and culture.

Every year our committee aims to we add something new to our mix of programming and our committee and volunteers are excited to host you again at Couchiching Beach Park and the Orillia Legion Branch 34.

Top reasons to come to the Festival in 2024:

- Kick off the festival with a ceilidh featuring Celtic Effect, Meghan Miller's Highland dancers, Orillia Pipes and Drums at the Orillia Legion on July 19th.

Get your tickets now. (Ticket link: <https://orilliascottishfestival.ticketleap.com>)

- Keep an ear out for Fiddlestix on the Jim Campbell stage on Saturday to get you moving on Saturday
- Visit our Clans, shop at 30 market vendors and eat at our varied food vendors including the Hog and Penny Pub featuring Scotch eggs and common wealth salad on Saturday
- Hum along to massed bands play those familiar and loved tunes at opening and closing ceremonies on Saturday
- Keep an ear out for drum fanfare and a drum corps feature during closing massed bands on Saturday
- Visit the Pirate ship and play in our children's area on Saturday
- Watch the talent on stage with Highland Dancers and Scottish Country Dancers from across Ontario on Saturday
- Visit the beer tent on Saturday
- Let your kilt swing to the bands on parade and performances throughout the day on Saturday
- End the weekend with a ceilidh with Carl Stedmond at the Orillia Legion on Sunday
- Eat breakfast and wear a festival button to get a 10% discount at Trail Side Cafe Thurs to Sun all weekend over the festival
- Hear our version of open mic pipes in the beer tent after closing ceremonies

Stay up to date with schedule events and festival programming by visiting our website and social media platforms. As always, we can be reached at Orilliascottishfestival@gmail.com. Visit the Orillia Scottish Festival website www.scottishfestival.ca and our social media platforms to stay up to date with fundraising events and information for the festival weekend

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Scottish Indexes Conference

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024



Interested in tracing your Scottish genealogy?

The Scottish Indexes Conference is an opportunity to learn new research skills, discover diverse records and see how others have put these into practice. If you want to trace your Scottish family tree, this is the event for you.

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This conference is run through the kindness of your donations. We are delighted to be able to continue hosting these for the Scottish genealogy community.

If you are in a position to donate at this time, we greatly appreciate your support. We know that these are challenging financial times for many so we are keeping the conferences free with no recommended donation. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to keep these conferences going.

[Click here to visit Scottish Indexes for more information, how to register and to make a donation](#)

Presenters

Coming up at the September 2024 Conference:

- 'Searching for ancestors in The Royal Mail Archive' by Susannah Coster, archivist at The Postal Museum in London
- 'Parochial Matters: parishes, districts and counties' by Robert Urquhart of abbotshall.net
- 'An introduction to the Forfeited Estates papers in the National Records of Scotland' by Tessa Spencer, Head of Outreach and Learning at the National Records of Scotland
- 'Scottish Burghs and Trade Incorporations' by Chris Paton, genealogist and author of TheGENESBlog
- 'Criminal Ancestors: piecing together their story from a variety of sources' by Emma Maxwell, genealogist at Scottish Indexes
- Scottish Genealogy Q&A hosted by Graham and Emma Maxwell

We'll have more presentations to tell you about soon and we will introduce each of the speakers to you.

Schedules, Handouts & Past Conferences

About a week before the conference we will post schedules in a variety of timezones. Following the conference, any handouts provided by the speakers will be available here. If you are looking for handouts from previous conferences please see our Past Conferences page.

A day or so after each conference we post a general conference handout. This will include information about each presenter along with links shared in the chat during the day. This is usually available by the Monday after each conference.

Some presentations from previous conferences are available to watch again. Visit our [Past Conferences page](#) to see what you have missed so far and catch up with some of the presentations.

Clan Ramsay International



Clan Ramsay DNA Project Update - DNA Doesn't Lie:

The 1st Quarter winner of the free DNA kit, one to be given away each quarter this year, was Nathan Graham Ramsay. Based upon some common family origins/migration paths, Nathan was believed to be closely related to member Mark B. Ramsey, as their families both came through Canada and New York. When results were returned, we learned some unexpected results. While both are in our close genetic family's E haplogroup, Nathan was shown to not share the mutation that Mark and my close genetic family share from around 1700, but he does share a common ancestor with our whole genetic family, likely from Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland, from the mid to late 1600s. We will continue to look for potential genetic matches to this family, to tie together families from the US, UK, and Australia.

The 2nd Quarter winner, Jerry Ramsey, has submitted his test kit, and we are all waiting on his results. His line is recorded back to John Ramsay and Isobel Bell in Lanarkshire Scotland. This line does not appear to have been previously DNA tested, and many related members should benefit from the results.

Outside of the Clan Ramsay DNA committee, through my traditional genealogical research, I found Ryan Ramsay, who based upon family trees was thought to be related to several existing and former Clan members, including former and current members Celia Ramsay and Kyle Willis. I convinced Ryan to submit a DNA sample, and after receiving Ryan's results, it is now known that he is more closely related to others in the E-V13 haplogroup, including former Clan member William Ross Ramsay. This separates Ryan from the E-V22 haplogroup which he was previously thought to share a common ancestor, by hundreds, maybe thousands of years.



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Clan Ramsay International

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New member Billy Ramsey's family tree shows a line going all the way back to the Earl of Dalhousie, but the Ramsay/Ramsey database conflicts with his records, indicating there have been assumptions made to connect similar names among three to four family lines. At least three of these individual lines have been DNA tested, with results indicating haplogroups of E, I, and R, obviously not closely related. Billy is being considered for our 3rd Quarter DNA kit giveaway, but might not wait to submit a test kit on his own. I don't blame him for wanting to clear up the confusion. By comparing his DNA results with these previously tested individuals, we should be able to determine where mistakes were made.

DNA doesn't lie, and sometimes it tells a different story than we were hoping for. Even then, when we find out we were wrong, the knowledge gained helps everyone, as much, if not more than if it proves us right.

If you would like to be considered for our 3rd Quarter free DNA kit, send an email to me at

sns mike@prodigy.net

Winners will be selected under the following criteria.

- (1) Current male Clan Ramsay member (this is a Y-DNA test)
- (2) From an untested or inadequately tested genetic line
- (3) Results will potentially help the greatest number of Clan Ramsay members

If you are a female but have a male family member you would like to be considered for the test, have them join Clan Ramsay and request to be considered for the quarterly giveaway.

If you have an interest in Ramsay/Ramsey DNA, join the Ramsay-Ramsey DNA group at:

www.facebook.com/groups/899587101582005

Submitted by
Mike Ramsey
Vice President
Clan Ramsay International
Texas Commissioner



Editor's Note: The excellent concept of awarding a free DNA kit was the reason for inclusion of this article from The Ramsay Report Vol LX No.11 June 2024.

This free kit offer is only open to male Ramsay members however other clan and family groups should consider something similar for their members including testing of mitochondrial DNA which importantly reveals the our female ancestors. It was our mothers who safeguarded our culture in times of strife!

The Scottish Banner - New Member

Please welcome and support our new member and partner “The Scottish Banner”.
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Sydney Mines Highland Games - New Member



A huge welcome to our new member in Nova Scotia

Sydney Mines Highland Games Cultural Club

Sponsors of the Sydney Mines Highland Games

August 18, 2024

11am - 8pm

150 Pitt Street

Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia

FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL FOR ALL AGES

All Day Fiddling, Scottish Singing & Music

Military & Fire Department Displays

Free Hot dogs and pop courtesy of the Sydney Mines
Fire Department

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Email : smhgcSociety.secretary@gmail.com

About :

The vision of our Highland Games held in Sydney Mines is to celebrate Celtic culture through traditional music, dance, sport, language, and customs by hosting a community-building festival—Highland Games—for the public good of local citizens while drawing tourists to the region, thus contributing to the social well-being, recreation, and spirit of Sydney Mines and Cape Breton.

The mission :

Our non-profit society is chartered to offer a fun, family outdoor Highland Games in Sydney Mines N.S.

Clan Strachan Society



Clan Strachan Search For A Chief

The 31st July 2024 will be a momentous date for Clan Strachan. After nearly 200 years as an armigerous clan, the Court of the Lord Lyon is holding a Strachan Family Convention to recognise a new Chief of the Name and Arms. The last Strachan Chief, Adm. Sir Richard John Strachan, Bt., Representor of Thornton, died in 1828 without a male heir.

Charles Robert Lund (Rob) Strachan from the Mill of Strachan in the Village of Strachan, Kincardineshire, has served as Commander for the past ten years and is candidate for Chief.

The Family Convention will take place during the 2024 Clan Gathering. Events are planned from Sunday, 28th July, through to the Aboyne Highland Games on Saturday, 3rd August. Details on the Gathering are available at [2024 Strachan Family Convention \(www.clanstrachan.org\)](http://www.clanstrachan.org)

The first recorded use of Strachan (spelling broadly defined) is seen in a grant by King William to William Gifford between 1189x95 for the Barony of Strachan.

The first use as a territorial designation was by Ranulpho de Stratheuchin in c. 1212

By the mid-1200s, the Strachan family was closely allied with John Comyn, Earl of Buchan. In 1306, Robert de Bruce murdered Red Comyn at the altar of Greyfriars Abbey, at which time the Strachan Family actively took arms against the Bruce in the First War of Scottish Independence. In 1308, Castlehill of Strachan (near the present-day Village of Strachan) was burned and destroyed by forces loyal to Robert de Bruce.

The Strachan family was disinherited from the Barony of Strachan, but eventually reconciled with Robert de Bruce and were staunch supporters of his son, David II. Over the ensuing centuries, various Houses of Strachan acquired substantial estates in Scotland. However, each House eventually became extinct in the male line.

In 2005, a group of Clan enthusiasts in California formed the non-profit Clan Strachan Scottish Heritage Society, i.e., Clan Strachan Society, an organization that today includes clan members from many different countries, including Scotland, Canada, and Australia.



Charles Robert Lund (Rob) Strachan

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Clan Strachan Society

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The Role of the Society is to act as liaison between the Clan Representer (Chief or Commander), including his Clan Council, and the various persons located throughout the world who fondly associate themselves with STRACHAN clans-people.

In 2014, Clan Strachan held a Family Convention in Scotland, under the jurisdiction of the Court of the Lord Lyon, to recognise Rob Strachan as Commander of the Clan. On 5 August 2014, a warrant was issued by the Lord Lyon to formalize this choice. In 2019, a large Clan Strachan Gathering was held in Scotland to strengthen clan identity. Again, in 2019, another warrant was issued to Rob Strachan as Commander.

The need for a clan geographic focal point was identified, to serve as a clan gathering place and to bring together the various scattered Strachan historical elements. Despite major obstacles to achieving this, in September 2020 Clan Strachan became one of the few Scottish Clans to acquire real property in their traditional ambit.

During the COVID pandemic, the Society and the Clan Strachan Trust conducted a campaign that raised sufficient funds to acquire the Feughside Inn, in the Village of Strachan, Kincardineshire. The 2024 Family Convention will be held there. A second fundraiser has allowed the Clan to begin the establishment of a Clan Strachan Centre for Heritage at the Feughside.

A Final Note: Individuals wishing to put themselves forward as a candidate for Commander or Chief of Clan Strachan, at the up-coming Family Convention, are encouraged to come forward before July 31, 2024. A candidate must bear the surname alone and must be proposed and seconded by a Strachan authorised to attend the Family Convention. Self-nomination is permitted. This does not mean a new candidate might be appointed Chief immediately.

If a new candidate emerges, the Lord Lyon may insist they serve for a period as Commander.

Strachans, or those who bear affection to the Name, are invited to attend or observe the proceedings.

Be sure to notify the [Strachan Society](#) as soon as possible. The convention's decision is subject to the Lord Lyon's approval. The Clan Strachan Society cannot favour any candidate.



Feughside Inn, in the Village of Strachan

Le Chardon et la fleur de Lys *The Thistle and the Fleur de Lys*



July 2, 2024

Well Quebec City has suddenly come out of the deep freeze and has had their share of hot and muggy days. Not much has been happening but busy times are ahead.

A Scottish Youtuber, popular with the phrase “Let me tell you a story”, who happens also to be a stand-up comedian is presently touring Canada with shows remaining in Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. Ewen had the opportunity to work with him in Quebec City for the filming of two editions, learning much along the way. Incidentally our chair: William is a guest speaker in one of his shows: [Scotsman Reacts to a Canadian Highland Games... \(youtube.com\)](#) Ewen was in another one of his shows. Can you spot him? [Was THIS the Last Highland Charge? \(youtube.com\)](#)



Here is Bruce’s Youtube channel: [Scotland History Tours - YouTube](#)

Ewen has acquired equipment to start productions of videos and is starting off with shorties of tourist interests for the present time to practice his filming and editing skills. The History stories will come later once Ewen has perfected his skills.

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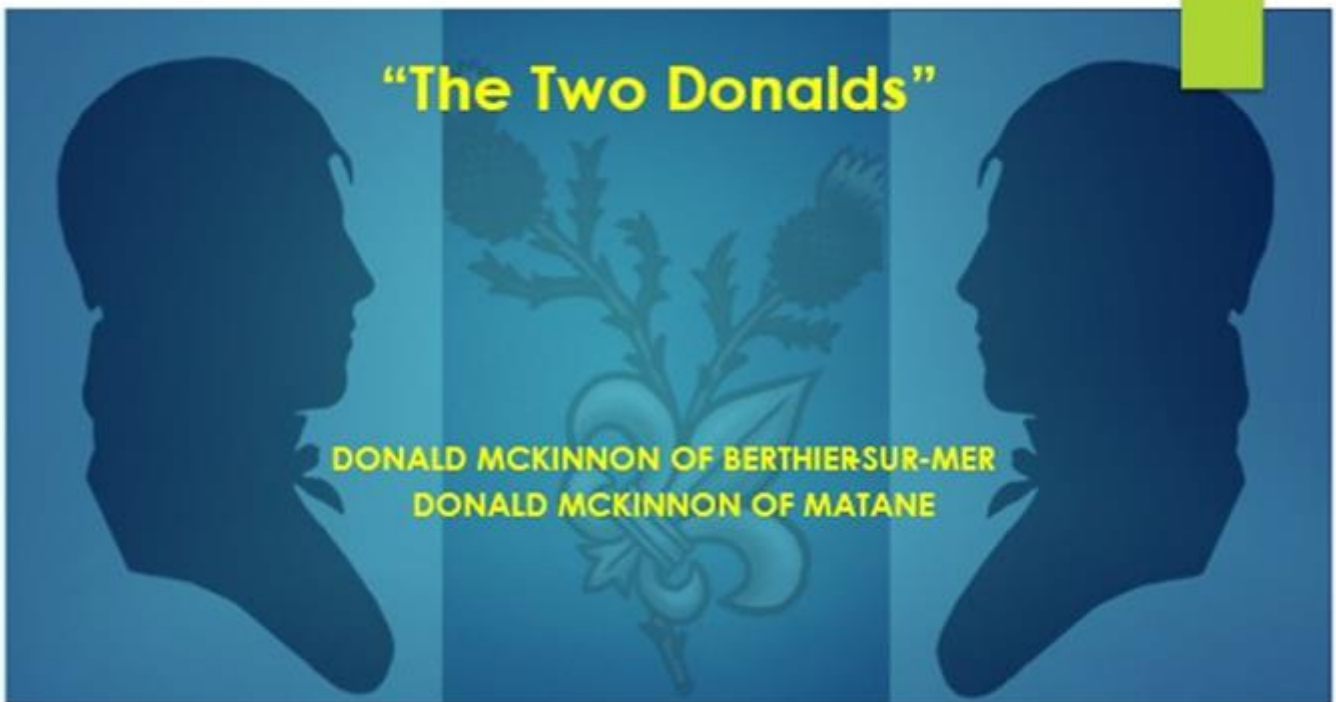
The Thistle and the Fleur de Lys - Le Chardon et la fleur de Lys

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Ewen must thank the Clan MacKinnon Society for a grant in support of purchasing a new computer to make these shows on. Ewen did make one presentation online about the “Two Donalds”. It is the story of many early Scots to Canada but in this case, it talks about two Donald MacKinnons who arrived as soldiers with the 78th regiment of foot (Fraser’s Highlanders) after the Seven years war and settled in Canada and married French Canadians.

Here is the Youtube link, however the site is still under construction so check back for additions and subscribe when you can. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp_wDfBd2OYLayXqacxEKBO

Video link: [On-Line presentation "The Two Donalds" \(youtube.com\)](#)



Ewen plans on taking the travelling road show to the Montreal Highland Games, and to the Festival Celtique de Quebec as a start this year, expanding to other locations next summer. Ewen is also developing a Scottish tour of Quebec City to highlight how the Scots and their descendants helped create the beautiful province of Quebec, and some moved elsewhere.

At the same time, Kathleen is working on creating “Boutique McKinnon” in their home to offer local artisans a place to sell their wares, as well as to offer some Scottish souvenir items for tourists. Construction however still continues to get into the way, and an opening date has not been established as a result. Stay tune for more!

The Saltire Gathering - New Member



A new Festival of Scotland
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For other ways to become a part of this unique and exciting festival, register your interest and to get updates, click [here](#) or the banner above

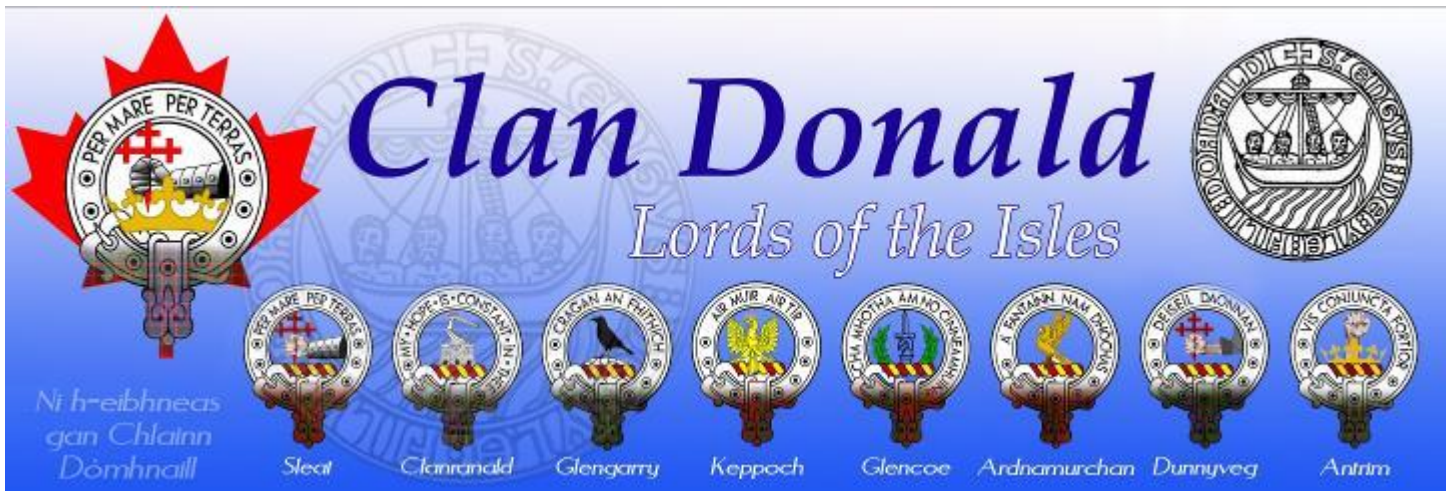
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Crest

On a crest coronet Or, a hand in armor fessways couped at the elbow proper holding a cross crosslet fitchy Gules.

Motto

Per mare per terras ('by sea and by land')

Septs

Darroch, MacBeth, MacColl, MacCorran, MacEachan, MacEachern, MacGillanders, MacGorrie, MacMhuirich, MacMurdoch, MacQueen, MacRory, MacRuairi, MacRury, MacSween, MacSweeny, Queen, Rosrieson, Rory

Tartan (There are nearly 100 recognized Clan Donald tartans)



Flagstaff Scottish Club - New Member



Flagstaff Scottish Club **6th Annual Gathering of the Clans**

August 24, 2024

Sedgewick, Alberta

It's a day full of highland activities, such as heavy events, highland dancing, festival entertainers, a kids zone, artisan and food vendors, and more.

The day concludes with a Cèilidh (dance) (pronounced kay-ley) performed by Canada's East Coast Music Award's Entertainers of the Year, the Derina Harvey Band!

To get an idea for what to expect, see last year's lineup of vendors and entertainers on our event website

www.flagstaffscottishclub.com/gotchf-event

For more information on our organization and other events visit

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Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival



23rd Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games

September 14 & 15, 2024

Saturday 10am-10:30pm; Sunday 10am-7:00pm

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Niagara Celtic Festival invites you to participate in the 23rd Annual Niagara Celtic Festival. Festival dates are September 14th and 15th. Please complete the contract and return to me no later than August 1st.

Contracts can be returned to this email or to clans@niagaraceltic.com. If completing the online, please be sure to download the contract before completing. If you are mailing your contract, please send to 115 Ferndale Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Important Information:

- Each Clan will be provided free entry for four participants only.
- A Saturday evening Clan dinner will be held for those who wish to participate. More information to come!
- All vehicles must be off the grounds by 9am each day.
- Vehicles cannot drive on the grounds during festival hours (Saturday: TBD; Sunday: 7:15pm)
- A map of Clan Village will be provided to all participating Clans.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Vince and Robbin Zaleski

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Photos clock-wise from right - SYR, The Bastard Bearded Irishmen, and Glengarry Bhoys

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Regional groups will include **McCarthyism**, **Celtic Cross**, **Three Parts Whiskey**, **The Blarney Bunch**, **Crikwater**, **Catch & Release**, **Step-in-Time**, **Cairde**, **Kilrush**, and **The Irish Lassies**.

For more information visit <https://www.niagaraceltic.com/>

Games, Festivals, and other Events

Check the CASSOC website at www.scotscanada.ca for the latest listings.

As the date for these events approach, please contact event organizers for up-to-date information.

* indicates the event will have CASSOC representation

Dates	Event/Location	Website
Jun 28 - Jul 6	Kitchenfest Féis a`Chidsin Cape, Breton, NS	http://www.kitchenfest.ca/
Jul 2 - Aug 31	Scottish Tea, Peterborough, Ontario	http://www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca
Jul 5 - Jul 6	Penticton Scottish Festival, Penticton, BC	http://www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca/
Jul 5 - Jul 7	Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Kincardine, ON	https://kincardinescottishfestival.ca/
Jul 5 - Jul 7	Almonte Celtfest, Almonte, ON	https://almonteceltfest.com/
Jul 6	Rugby Canada vs Scotland, TD Place Stadium, Ottawa	https://rugby.ca/en/news/2024/05/free-kids-tickets-for-canada-s-men-s-rugby-team-versus-scotland-this-july-in-ottawa
Jul 7 - Jul 14	Antigonish Highland Games, Antigonish, NS	https://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca/
Jul 13	Kamloops Highland Games, Kamloops, BC	https://www.kamloopshighlandgames.org/
Jul 14 - Jul 21	Clan Gregor Gathering -2024, Dalmally, Scotland	http://clangregor.com
Jul 19 - Jul 20	Cambridge Scottish Festival, Cambridge, ON	http://www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca/
Jul 19 - Jul 21	Orillia Scottish Festival, Orillia, ON	https://scottishfestival.ca/
Jul 20 - Jul 21	Sherwood Park Highland Gathering, Sherwood Park, AB	https://www.sphg.ca/
Jul 26 - Jul 28	NB Highland Games Festival Le Festival des Jeux Écossais, Fredericton, NB	https://www.highlandgames.ca/
Jul -27	Ailsa Craig Highland Games, Ailsa Craig , ON	https://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/event/ailsa-craig-highland-games/
Jul -27	Uxbridge Scottish Festival, Uxbridge, ON	https://uxbridgescottishfestival.com/
Aug 2 - Aug 3	Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, ON	https://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com/
Aug-4	Montréal Highland Games, Verdun, QC	https://www.montrealhighlandgames.com/
Aug 7 - Aug 10	Clan MacAulay International Gathering, Cape Breton, NS	https://clanmacaulay.org.uk/2024-clan-gathering-annoucement
Aug 9 - Aug 11	Goderich Celtic Roots Festival, Goderich, ON	https://celticfestival.ca/home
Aug 9 - Aug 11	Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Fergus, ON	http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/
Aug 10 - Aug 11	Campbell River Highland Gathering, Campbell River, BC	https://www.campbellriverhighlandgathering.ca/

Games, Festivals, and other Events

Dates	Event/Location	Website
Aug 10 - Aug 11	Margaree Highland Games, Margaree Valley, NS	http://www.margareehighlandgames.com/
Aug 15 - Aug 17	Folkfest Saskatoon, Saskatoon, SK	https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/
Aug 16 - Aug 18	Miramichi Scottish Festival, Miramichi, NB	https://www.highlandsociety.com/scottish-festival/
Aug 16 - Aug 17	Festival Celtes de Saint-Malachie, Saint-Malachie, QC	https://festivalceltessaintmalachie.com/
Aug 18	Sydney Mines Highland Games, Pitt Street Walking Track, Sydney Mines, NS	https://www.facebook.com/events/1932673360483673/
Aug 24	The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival, Sedgewick, AB	https://www.flagstaffscottishclub.com/events
'Aug 24	North Lanark Highland Games, N.L.A.S. Fairgrounds, Almonte, Ontario	https://almontehighlandgames.com/
Aug 24 - Aug 25	Carruthers Gathering, Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland	https://clancarrutherssociety.org/carruthers-gathering-2024/
Aug 31 - Sep 1	Canmore Highland Games, Canmore, AB	http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca/
Sep 7 - Sep 8	Festival Celtique de Québec, Québec, QC	http://festival-celtique.com/
Sep 7	Scottish Indexes Conference XXV, Online - UK Time 7am - 3pm + 3pm to 11pm	https://www.scottishindexes.com/conference.aspx
Sep 14 - Sep 15	Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games, Lockport, NY	https://www.niagaraceltic.com/
Oct 11 - Oct 19	Celtic Colours in Cape Breton, Cape Breton, NS	https://celtic-colours.com/
Oct 24 - Oct 26	ReJigged Festival, Halifax, NS	https://www.rejiggedfestival.com/
Nov 16	St Andrew's Society Toronto Charity Ball, Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event/charity-ball/
Nov 24	Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada Annual General Meeting, Online 3:00 p.m. ET	https://www.scotscanada.ca/en/meetings/notice-of-meeting
Nov 30	St Andrew's Society Toronto Fall Mixer, Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event/fall-mixer/
Sep 20 - Sep 21, 2025	The Saltire Gathering, Stirling, Scotland, UK	www.thesaltiregathering.scot/

Events that meet the following requirements may be submitted online at

<https://www.scotscanada.ca/en/games-festivals-and-other-events/submit-an-event>

Requirements - for more information email : events@scotscanada.ca

- Promotion of Scottish/Celtic culture and heritage
- Accessible either physically or remotely within Canada or is our gathering in Scotland
- Provided on behalf of a not-for-profit or government organization

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TAILORED TARTAN CLOTHING & INTERIORS



A United Passion for Tartan: ScotlandShop Welcomes House of Tartan!

ScotlandShop is thrilled to announce our expansion into the beautiful town of Crieff, Perthshire! This exciting development comes with the acquisition of House of Tartan, the renowned "original tartan website" and home to the world's first tartan database.

This isn't a corporate takeover; it's a family coming together. The talented House of Tartan team is here to stay, and their expertise will be invaluable. We invite you to visit our new location in Crieff or explore our website to embark on a journey through the world of tartan!

House of Tartan: A Pioneering Spirit

Established in 1996, House of Tartan was a true innovator. The brainchild of Blair Urquhart, a visionary with a deep understanding of tartans, the company created the world's first tartan database, a groundbreaking resource for tartan enthusiasts everywhere. House of Tartan continued to push boundaries, becoming a leader in tartan design and registration, offering in-house fabric printing, and establishing a strong partnership program with over 20 Scottish clans.



ScotlandShop: Celebrating Scottish Heritage

Founded in 2002 by Anna White, ScotlandShop began its journey in the Scottish Borders, fueled by a love for Scottish textiles, fashion, and a desire to support the local economy. Over the years, the company has blossomed into an international brand, offering a wide range of tartan clothing, accessories, and homeware, all delivered worldwide.

Our love for tartan and its rich history fuels everything we do.

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Shared Values, Strengthened Future

Both ScotlandShop and House of Tartan are built on a foundation of community, quality, and a love for Scottish heritage. This exciting union allows us to offer our customers an even richer experience:

Unmatched Tartan Expertise: With the combined knowledge of both teams, we can provide unparalleled guidance on tartan selection, clan heritage, and customization.

A Celebration of Scottish Clans: Our commitment to clan heritage continues, with House of Tartan's established partnerships enriching our offerings, and a genuine desire to support the Scottish clans and societies around the world.



Expanded Product Range: Look forward to a wider variety of tartan clothing, accessories, and bespoke tailoring options, all crafted with the finest materials.

Customer service: Friendly, knowledgeable staff are here to guide you through your tartan journey, whether you're exploring your ancestry or being measured for the perfect kilt.

Preserving Scottish tradition: We are united in our dedication to keep the rich history and culture of tartan alive for generations to come.

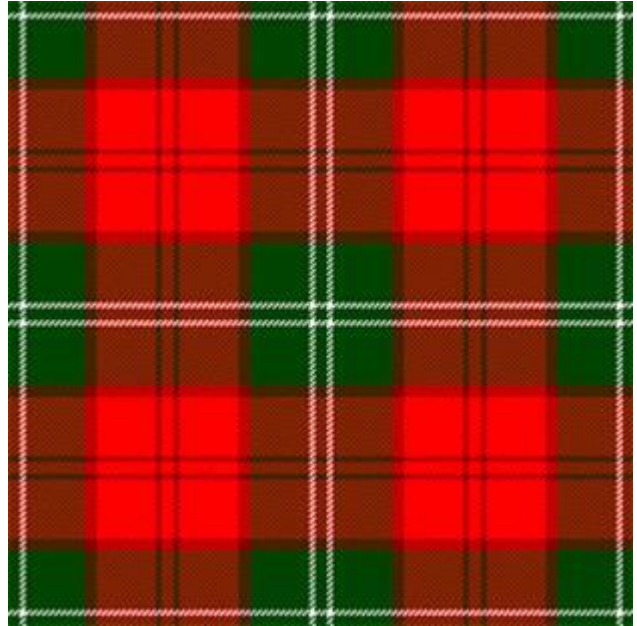
Quality and craftsmanship: Both companies use only the finest materials and traditional techniques to create beautiful, lasting products.

A Warm Welcome to Crieff!

We are excited to become part of the vibrant community of Crieff. The first phase of refurbishment has been completed and we can't wait for you to visit our new tailoring area. This space will be a haven for exploring your ancestry and indulging in a unique piece of bespoke Scottish-made clothing, and big enough to host receptions for groups visiting Perthshire. .

So, come raise a glass (or a dram!) to this exciting new chapter in Scottish tartan history!

Clan Lennox - New Member



Website: <https://clanlennox.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/clanlennox.org>

Membership: Neil Whitford nbwhitford@hotmail.com

Crest: Two broadswords in saltire behind a swan's head and neck, all Proper

Motto: I'll Defend

Septs: All people with the Lennox surname, or who descend from a Lennox, are deemed members of the Clan

A SHORT HISTORY:

Clan Lennox has its origins in the ancient Earls of Lennox who controlled Dunbartonshire and parts of Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire and Perthshire in Scotland beginning in the 12th Century. For centuries, the earls were involved in politics – and intrigue – and were often in the middle of struggles for power and wealth. The Scottish diaspora sent Lennox people around the world with significant numbers now residing in Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand and the United States. Lennox people have excelled in academics, medicine, law, science, business and all walks of life. The purpose of the Clan is to bring people sharing the Lennox name together for friendship and fellowship and to promote their heritage, as well as the history and heritage of Scotland, Great Britain, and all the countries where Lennox people settled. Whether a direct descendant of one of the Earls, or of more ordinary lineage, all people with the Lennox surname, or who descend from a Lennox, are deemed members of the Clan and invited to participate in Clan activities, and to initiate activities on their own!

About CASSOC

Founded in 1976, CASSOC's purpose is:

To advance Scottish Cultural Heritage in Canada, such Scottish culture be defined to include, but not be restricted to, traditional Highland, Island and Lowland cultures, whether in Scotland, Canada or wherever Scottish Culture may be expressed;

To foster the organization of and co-operation and communication between Scottish federations, clans, societies or groups through the initiation and co-ordination of projects and undertakings;

Membership in CASSOC is open to any and all organizations which promote or encourage some aspect of Scottish tradition or culture, represent a link between the Scottish people and their descendants and relations in Canada, or seek to develop an understanding of the role Scotland and its culture has played in the development of Canada and its history.

Patrons:

Charles Edward Bruce, Lord Bruce, DL MA MSc FSA Scot
Major The Hon. Sir Lachlan MacLean of Duart, Bt. CVO DL

Meetings 2024:

The next General Assembly meeting will be held in November 2024. Format of in-person, virtual or blended is to be determined.

AN DROCHAID – The Bridge is the newsletter of CASSOC and will be published in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter editions. Items for publication should be submitted to the Editor, editor@scotscanada.ca

Guidelines for submissions are:

Submissions due by the first of the month of the season for the edition, word/text readable format is preferred. A grant of right of use for publication and posting on the web is implied. Submitter must be able to legally provide the contents. For instance, please ensure that you have image rights for persons in photographs.

Publication of material is at the sole final discretion of the newsletter editor. Format, length and content may be adjusted by the editor as deemed necessary. CASSOC, the editor and agents assume no responsibility nor liability for submitted content in terms of factual correctness or right of use. All submissions will be published with the implied or explicit attribution of source.

Any member group of CASSOC may submit an advertisement to the newsletter at no cost.

Websites and Emails:

We are in the process of transition for our web and mail services. During this time we will be using two domains, a legacy HTML site at CASSOC.CA and a modern responsive site at SCOTSCANADA.CA.

Equivalent email addresses are in place for each domain name. We will progressively attempt to use SCOTSCANADA.CA for sending email however you may still receive and send to the equivalent email at CASSOC.CA until further notice.

An Drochaid The Bridge

Many thanks to all who have provided pictures, please feel free to submit your favourite images of crossings to us. Details and attribution such as license and owner is needed.

Our Summer cover is a conceptual bridge in its combination of the original logo for our organization with one of the names referenced in the bylaw changes as well as having a background which combines the Saltire of Scotland with the Maple Leaf of Canada. Our take on one of the benefits of the hoped for National Scottish Organization

An Drochaid is published quarterly for each season.

Submissions are welcome, though articles may be edited for length or content.

CASSOC assumes no responsibility for content including dates for events.

Please verify event dates by contacting organizers, visiting websites and other sources.

Whenever possible, please provide Word, RTF or text formats

Please try to provide submissions by the first day of the season of publication.

Spring: March 21, Summer: June 21, Fall: September 21, Winter: December 11.

Submissions should be emailed to editor@scotscanada.ca

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Taylor's Tartans is a home based business in rural New Brunswick that sells product made out of our provincial tartans.