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About CASSOC

Founded in 1976, CASSOC is an organization for organizations. Our primary purpose is to provide coordination and communication between our member groups. We encourage the celebration of our Scottish cultural heritage and the promotion of this Scottish culture in Canada in all its aspects. We seek to be the assembly of all groups in Canada who are pursuing Scottish interests.

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 2019 - 2020:

- The Delegates' Assembly meeting was last held on April 28, 2019,
- The last General Assembly meeting was held on November 24, 2019
- The next Delegates' Assembly meeting will be on April 26, 2020, at the North York Central Library. Toronto, On.
- The next General Assembly meeting will be held on November 22, 2020, at the North York Central Library. Toronto, On.

AN DROCHAID - The Bridge is the newsletter of CASSOC and will be published in March, June, September and December. Items for publication should be submitted to the Editor, editor@cassoc.ca

Guidelines for submissions are:

- *Submissions due by the first of the month of publication*

- 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 above. 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 AD at no cost.

Website:

The website contains, among other things, a list of Scottish and Celtic Events in Canada, Canadian Regional tartans, and a list of our member groups with a link to their websites and other digital media, as well as their membership contact information. On the Events list, for each date, our member group events are highlighted with a link to their website.

www.cassoc.ca

AGM and Election Results

The AGM for 2019 was held on November 24, 2019 at the North York Public Library in Toronto. Full minutes of the meeting were sent to all delegates on November 27, 2019. For full details please contact your member delegate.

Meeting Summary:

- In attendance were 6 board members and 11 delegates with 3 proxies allowing for quorum. A guest, Brendan Fyfe, from St. Andrew's Society was also present. Regrets from 7 members.
- Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting were approved.
- Business arising from Minutes : There was discussion about researching funding with the provided input that a good package of event and content is needed as a basis for approach with both government and private sponsorship.
- Treasurer's Reports: Financial statements were approved. The Treasurer will be assisted by a CPA in moving to a simpler format for fiscal records. The CPA will attend an upcoming board meeting in April.
- Editor Report: Open rate (42%), click rate (18%) and most used (links to CASSOC) over the last year was reported. Thanks and compliments to the outgoing editor were noted.
- Events Report: Reported on was the Kilt Skate and participation in the Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum as well as the Scottish North American Leadership Conference. There were 10 events where the CASSOC binder was known to be on display and its popularity was noted by Steven Logan of Clan Logan.
- Membership Report: Clans 34 with 3 new and 1 returning, 4 Societies with 1 returning, 4 Games and 3 Business groups with 1 new adding up to 45 members to date.
- Web Report: Statistics for site access and notes on page restructuring as well as a note about the reduced focused content for mobile users.
- Elections: The initial slate was amended upon acceptance of a volunteers for Chair and Director at Large.. The final acclaimed, approved and appointed results are as follows.

2019-2020 Board of Directors:

Chair: William Robert Petrie

1st Vice-Chair: John Duff

2nd Vice-Chair: Paul Elliot

Directors at Large:

Doug Doughty

Graham Carruthers

Robert MacKenzie

Terence McNeill Myles

Past-Chair: Karen Elizabeth McCrimmon

Secretary: Jo Ann Tuskin

Treasurer: Kimberley Henwood

Editor: William Robert Petrie

Web Manager: Tuskin Family

- April Meeting: The speaker for the non-business workshop format was announced as Jason C. Burgoin from the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, Toronto Branch. The desire was expressed to receive speaker suggestions particularly someone to talk about concerns and solutions on engaging and keeping members.
- Annual Financial Review: It was carried unanimously to wave the appointment of an accountant for purposes of review.
- Kilt Skate 2020: Various options were discussed regarding the skate in the context of the unsavory weather last year. Motions were passed to allow advancement and funding commitment for a combination Marlies game with indoor skate on their ice at the Coca-Cola Coliseum, Exhibition Place.
- Library Archives Canada and the Newsletter: After discussion it was moved that all digital issue of the newsletter would be made available on the website and, with Open access, through Library Archives Canada
- Volunteer Service Awards: The availability of awards information to member groups was reported along with the CASSOC nomination of Sylvia McPhee for the 40+ Service Award and its subsequent presentation in October.

Announcements:

- Burnett's & Struth Scottish Regalia is providing a discount of 15%. Details are available on the website.
- New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association has shared their Journal. On their suggestion of also doing as they do, a motion was passed to have the Board reach to other Celtic groups to explore joint opportunities.

- St. Andrew's Events: Promotional videos were shown of upcoming St. Andrew's events. A motion to allocate an initial budget of \$2000 to pursue involvement in the Tartan Day event. Brendan, Kim and Karen volunteered to be part of the committee for this.



This month I congratulated a local community member on her 104th birthday. This is someone who was born in 1915, amazingly having lived through all the wonders and wars that have occurred since then. Think of the stories she can and does tell.

Even more amazing it must be when she passes on stories that were told to her as a child. It's quite possible that some of these would have come from someone born before my Gregor ancestors left Edinburgh around the 1850s.

Of course, she herself is telling stories to young ones who quite possibly will carry them into the next century, the 2100s. No technology, no Facebook, no Instagram nor even writing is needed for this.

We are our stories, those we've lived ourselves and those that are shared amongst our forebears, descendants and brethren. It is the wide sharing of stories that weaves us into a community of like-minded spirits.

This is my view of CASSOC's strength and mission. To provide both a means for our Clans and Societies to share their stories with all, and to provide new stories such as arise from our events like the upcoming Kilt Skate.

I'm very grateful for being a part of this sharing as chairperson and editor. I see my role in CASSOC as being most of all a partner amongst friends, family and community. My hand is on the rudder but you, our members, bring the wind that fills the sails.

I close with cheers and best wishes to you, your family and friends as you share with them your stories during this festive season.

Yours Aye

William R Petrie

William Robert Petrie - Clan Gregor
Chair, Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada
chairperson@cassoc.ca.

Benefits and Offers

[A reminder about ongoing benefits as well as offers from our members and others.](#)

Communication - Your reach can extend to over 2000 enthusiasts in our member groups and beyond through our online availability

Advertising - Post your upcoming calendar for events in our quarterly newsletter as well as online. If you've an online presence we'll include the appropriate links.

Highland Games, Festivals and other events - As part of CASSOC support a voice for all our members at events so that you are represented even if not present.

CASSOC Members Binder - Your group is represented in this membership binder with such as organization information, tartans, septs and contact details that is available for us and all members to display at events. This is a terrific draw for booth visitors and a starting point for engagement with those new to Scottish heritage.

National Representation - You are part of the national voice for clans and societies in promoting all of our interests with local, provincial and federal contacts as well with international entities such as the Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum and Scottish North America Leadership.

Special Events and Offers - To provide awareness of Scottish culture and specifically clan groups, CASSOC organizes events such as the annual Kilt Skate. Support and awareness is also provided to other events provided by you as a member. We also provide the means for specific offers such as the discounts that follow.

Burnett's & Struth - We're pleased to announce a new member benefit of a 15% discount with Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd. For further details on how to use this discount, restrictions and locations, please visit their CASSOC page at [Burnett's & Struth](#)

St Hilda Sea Adventures - Provide small ship cruising and wildlife holidays on the beautiful West Coast of Scotland. The cruises, among the breathtakingly beautiful islands, sea lochs and mountains of the Inner and Outer Hebrides, are truly unforgettable adventures for all ages. Members of CASSOC receive a 15% discount during enquiry or booking with the code SHSA-CASSOC.

Pipers and Speakers

The following pipers and speakers are affiliated with our membership and available for bookings. More details are available on the CASSOC website.

Pipers

Tait Leslie Goss	Kitchener/Waterloo	Meg Leslie (Mom/Manager) 519-501-0680 megtleslie@gmail.com
Ron Freeman	Hamilton	905-577-0608 ronald.freeman@hwcen.org
Rory Sinclair	Toronto	http://www.caledoncounty.com rorygus.sinclair@outlook.com
Steven Sirbovan	Orillia/Barrie/North Toronto	thebagpiper@live.com
Jamie Douglas	Durham Region	416-930-7552 jd_piperboy@hotmail.com
Iain Dewar	Durham Region	idewar@rogers.com
Mike Chisolm	Greater Vancouver Area	604-628-8140 http://bagpipervancouver.com
Callum Gauthier	Ottawa / Rideau River / Toronto	613-620-1014 Callum.gauthier5@gmail.com

Speakers

Christine Woodstock	Scottish Genealogy	Email: genealogytoursofscotland@gmail.com
Rory Sinclair-Toronto	Scottish History and Culture	Web: http://www.caledoncounty.com Email: rorygus.sinclair@outlook.com

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals

As of publication, please check the CASSOC [website](#) for the latest listings.
To provide updates and errata, please email secretary@cassoc.ca
Please verify details with the appropriate organizers and event sites

2020 Dates	Name	Location - Info
Jan-18	Robbie Burns Day	Wentworth, NS

	\Ski Wentworth	https://skiwentworth.ca/event/robbie-burns-day/
Jan-18	Burns Supper Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Vancouver, BC https://rscdsvancouver.org/dance/vancouver-branch-burns-supper-2/
Jan-23	Burns Supper St. Andrew's Society of Montreal	Montreal, QC http://www.standrews.qc.ca/
Jan-24	Robbie Burns Day with Turpin's Trail	Westport, ON http://coveinn.com/
Jan-24	Robbie Burns Night Rocky Mountain Folk Club	Calgary, AB http://www.rockyfolkclub.com/robbie-burns-night-2/
Jan-24	Burns Dinner St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON http://www.standrews-society.ca/event/annual-burns-supper/
Jan 24-25	Scottish Pavilion Westman Scottish Association	Brandon, MB http://gotothepavilions.com/pavilions/
Jan-25	Kilt Skate St Andrew's Society Montreal	Montreal, QC http://www.standrews.qc.ca/
Jan-25	Burns Dinner & Ceilidh Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON https://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/robert-burns-supper
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance White Heather Pipes & Drums Aurora Legion Pipe Band	Aurora, ON https://auroralegion.ca/
Jan-25	Burns Celebration The Dam Pub Gastropub & Whisky Bar	Thornbury, ON https://thedampub.ca/events
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Supper East York Kiwanis	Toronto, ON https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/east-york-kiwanis-robbie-burns-supper-2020-tickets-80094413547
Jan-25	Burns Day @ Mohawk College Tartan Terrors	Hamilton, ON https://ww2.ticketpro.ca/event.php?event_id=4753
Jan-25	Gala Burns Supper & Ceilidh Scottish Society of Ottawa	Ottawa, ON https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gala-burns-supper-ceilidh-2020-tickets-72458143257
Jan-25	The Burns Supper The Halifax Burns Club	Halifax, NS http://www.halifaxburnsclub.org/
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Day Ski Banff	Banff, AB https://www.skibanff.com/play/events-calendar/robbie-burns-day
Jan-25	Winnipeg Robert Burns Club Dinner	Winnipeg, MB http://www.winnipegrobertburns.org/pb/wp_6d6ace55/wp_6d6ace55.html
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Supper and Ceilidh Battlefords Highland Dancing Association	Battleford, SK http://www.battlefordshighland.ca/
Jan-25	Burns Night Ceilidh Sons of Scotland Pipe Band	Ottawa, ON https://www.scottishbanner.com/event/sons-of-scotland-pipe-band-burns-night-ceilidh/
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Supper Lorne Scots Pipes & Drums	Brampton, ON https://www.scottishbanner.com/event/76th-annual-lorne-scots-pipes-drums-robbie-burns-supper/
Jan-25	Robbie Burns' Dinner Simon Fraser University Pipeband	Coquitlam, BC https://sfupipeband.com/events/
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Dinner Mary Winspear Centre	Sidney, BC http://www.marywinspear.ca/calendar-node-field-event-date/month/2020-01
Jan-25	Robbie Burns Day Kelvern Celtic Society	Okanagan Valley, BC http://kelvernceltic.ca/event/robbie-burns-day/
Jan 29-Feb 2	Halifax Celtic Festival	Halifax, NS

		https://www.facebook.com/hfxcelticfest/
Feb-01	Celtic Festival Vancouver	Vancouver, BC http://www.celticfestvancouver.com/
Feb-08	Kilt Skate - CASSOC	Toronto, ON http://www.cassoc.ca/frameset.htm
Feb-08	Regina Mid-Winter Celtic Festival	Regina, SK http://www.crpb.org/mwcf/
Feb 11-12	Highland Dance Competition Victoria Highland Games	Victoria, BC http://victoriahighlandgames.com
Feb-14	Burns Supper Westman Scottish Association	Winnipeg, MB http://gotothepavilions.com/scottish/
Feb-27	Whiskey Fête St. Andrew's Society Montreal	Montreal, QC http://www.standrews.qc.ca/
Feb-01	Intro to Curling St Andrew's Toronto	Toronto, ON http://www.standrews-society.ca/
Mar-13	Ceilidh Celtic Festival Vancouver	Vancouver, BC http://www.celticfestvancouver.com/
Mar 14-17	St Patrick's Day Week Celtic Festival Vancouver	Vancouver, BC http://www.celticfestvancouver.com/
Mar-21	Winnipeg Scottish Festival	Winnipeg, MB http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.com/
Apr-04	Tartan day - St Andrew's Toronto	Toronto, ON http://www.standrews-society.ca/
May 16-18	Victoria Highland Games	Victoria, BC http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com/
Jun 5-7	Conference & Family History Show Ontario Ancestors	Hamilton, ON http://conference2020.ogs.on.ca/
Jun-13	Georgetown Highland Games	Georgetown, ON http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com/
Jun 19-20	Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/
Jun 20-21	Manitoba Highland Gathering	Winnipeg, MB http://www.manitobahighlandgathering.org/
Jun 26-27	Caledonia Celtic Festival	Caledonia, ON http://www.caledoniacelticfestival.com/
Jun-27	Kingsville Highland Games	Kingsville, ON http://www.kingsvillegames.com/
Jul-25	Balquhiddy, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Highland Games and Gathering Clans MacLaren, MacGregor, Stewarts of Ardvorlich and Macnab	Loch Earn, Scotland https://lochearnheadhighlandgames.co.uk/
Jul 30-Aug 2	Clan Cameron Gathering	Achnacarry, Scotland http://www.clan-cameron.org/gathering
Aug-02	Montreal Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Verdun, QC http://www.montrealhighlandgames.com/
Aug 7-9	Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Fergus, ON http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/
Aug 7-9	Margaree Highland Games	Margaree Valley, NS http://www.margareehighlandgames.com/
Aug 7-14	Clan MacKenzie Gathering	Inverness, Scotland

		http://clanmackenziesociety.co.uk/events/gathering-2020/
Sep 12-13	The Beach Celtic Festival	Toronto, ON http://www.thecelticfestival.com/

Declaration of Arbroath 700th Anniversary



The Declaration of Arbroath is a declaration of Scottish independence, made in 1320. It is in the form of a letter in Latin submitted to Pope John XXII, dated 6 April 1320, intended to confirm Scotland's status as an independent, sovereign state and defending Scotland's right to use military action when unjustly attacked.

We'll provide a more extensive article in our next issue. Please check the following sites for information on the several commemorative events to be held on and around the date of the 700th anniversary.

- Arbroath2020.com
- VisitScotland.org
- Tartan Day, Nova Scotia
- NYC Tartan Week

We hope to have more listings for local events in the next issue.



KILT SKATE 2020

SKATE ON THE SAME ICE AS THE TORONTO MARLIES
AND THEN WATCH THEM PLAY!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

NOON - 6PM

COCA-COLA COLISEUM

More details to come soon





A Fundraiser for
The Cobourg Highland Games Society

Robert Burns Ceilidh

January 25th, 2020
LIUNA LOCAL 183 HALL, 560 DODGE ST. COBOURG

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Live music from 7 p.m. til midnight



DOOR
PRIZES

RAFFLES

Busker Brothers • Cobourg Legion Pipes & Drums
Madman's Window • The Cobourg Scottish Country Dancers

Advance Tickets \$20 each ~ After January 12th \$25 Sorry, no tickets at the door.

Join us for a little taste of Scotland.
We will serve a snack of Scotch pie, haggis, tatties, neeps, peas and gravy.

Dress: Gentlemen, don your kilt and sporran. Ladies, make us proud.

Tickets available at: Nessie's Gifts & British Fare 905-372-7158 (Cash)
or online at www.cobourghighlandgames.ca

For more information: info@cobourghighlandgames.ca
www.cobourghighlandgames.ca 905-376-2441 

Full details can be had at our new web-page www.cobourghighlandgames.ca under Events.
The local Best Western Cobourg Inn is offering our patrons a discount on rooms for the night.

Cobourg Highland Games Society

We at the Cobourg Highland Games Society are having a Robbie Burns Ceilidh on January 25th 2020. We would like to extend an invite to all CASSOC members

We are breaking away from our traditional Burns Supper, as attendance has been dropping over the years, so this year we are trying something different, in the form of a Ceilidh.

Full details can be had at our new web-page www.cobourghighlandgames.ca under Events.

The local Best Western Cobourg Inn is offering our patrons a discount on rooms for the night.

We are hoping for a fun filled night that will attract new patrons to our events (tickets are much cheaper than the Burns Supper) and get them interested in our Scottish Heritage.

We hope to see some of you at our Burns Night Ceilidh



[Robert Burns Dinner](#) - Friday, January 24th 2020
University Club, Toronto

With the 2019 St. Andrew's Charity Ball behind us, we are now looking forward to our next big event - our Burns Dinner. We are delighted to host this event again at the [University Club of Toronto](#), 380 University Avenue, Toronto. The event follows the time honoured format with the traditional Address to a Haggis, Toasts to the Lassies and Laddies and The Immortal Memory.

This year the Immortal Memory will be given by Ken McGoogan. Ken is an award-winning journalist and author with a focus on Canadian history and its Scottish connections. Ken always provides a personal perspective or 'take' on his subjects, so we can be sure that his remarks will be highly interesting and entertaining. We are also delighted to have Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair give the Address to the Haggis. Further after dinner entertainment will be an illustrated recitation of 'Tam O'Shanter' performed by our M.C., Graham Desson. It's going to be a great evening celebrating the Scottish Bard! We look forward to seeing you there!

The Burns Dinner is often a sell-out. To avoid disappointment, don't delay in making your application for tickets. Click [here](#) to download the application form.

[Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum](#)

By John Duff, CASSOC First Vice-Chair

Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum (SCAF) had their 3rd meeting on December 18th at Strathearn House in Perth, Scotland with people also dialed in from other locations in Scotland, USA, Canada and Australia.

Visit Scotland gave an update on the proposed Clan Map which could have a history for each clan and their location on the map of Scotland for three different time periods. This map would allow comparison over time in the extent of a specific clan's land under their control. They would like to have a video from each clan chief that could be accessed from this web site.

Currently the Lord Lyon is working on getting video submissions.

A possible trip to Canada in April of 2020 was also mentioned. This could be at the time of Tartan Day celebrations. Visit Scotland would like to capture some videos and stories from other countries such as Canada, USA and Australia to assist in promoting Scotland.

The 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath will be in 2020. Some methods to recognize this milestone were discussed such as display in Galashiels of the Great Tapestry of Scotland, consisting of 160 hand stitched panels depicting the story of Scotland. During a six month festival in Arbroath, Scotland the Arbroath Tapestry which is an intricately embroidered three panel tapestry will be displayed in Arbroath Abbey.

A non-political event and procession is planned in April with a performance of the reading of the 1320 declaration and a rendition of the new 2020 declaration read by Arbroath school children.

Ancestral Research pilot programs were discussed that will involve the National Records of Scotland and Scotland's People and tutorials on how to use these web sites. There was some discussion on how to proceed with Genealogy Societies and Lectures or ambassadors for Genealogy Research.

There is an understanding of the importance of ancestral information tourism from other countries to Scotland for research purposes. More discussion and planning and local resources or toolkits are required to ensure these trips are more eventful and successful for the tourists.

The Scottish Clan and Historical Figures Event Fund was discussed and how some clans have been able to access funds

during their events in Scotland. The funding for 2020 is still in place.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards 2019 Recipient

Sylvia M. McPhee, FSA Scot, has been an enthusiast for all things Scottish since she was a wee lassie – that's almost 9 decades! Her loves include Scottish history, poetry, music and dance. In fact in 1960 she took her RSCDS teaching certificate at St. Andrew's University in Scotland and taught in both London, ON, and Toronto for many years.

Organizations that encourage remembering and celebrating Scottish culture have been her métier for almost 50 years.

She has been the Commissioner for the Clan Macfie in Canada since 1982 and has held all leadership posts at one time or another.

CASSOC has been a very large part of her leadership experience. First as Executive Secretary in 1976 and then as Chair in 1980 and 1981 and again in 1991.

She has been the Macfie Delegate or Alternate for 10 these many years.

She was deeply touched and honoured to have been the CASSOC nominee for the 2019 Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 40+ years of service to CASSOC.

The presentation on 21 Oct 2019 was a delightful event shared with her long-time friend and CASSOC colleague Jo Ann Tuskin and an evening to be remembered and cherished.

Sylvia has been armigerous in her own right since 1981 and her motto, Pro Veritate (For Truth) has been her guiding light and will continue to illumine her future path.

Best Wishes to you Sylvia and May the Dance Go ON!



Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, Toronto Branch

From Jason Charles Burgoin who will be our guest speaker for our spring workshop

Christmas is, by far, my most favorite part of the year because it's a time to reconnect with those we don't always get to see and spend time with during the rest of the busy year. It is also a time that we can hopefully unwind and relax as we prepare to embrace for the arrival of the New Year. For many of us we will spend the holidays with family and friends, but we should be ever mindful of those in our lives and who will not be afforded that opportunity. Circumstances for many dictate that this holiday time can be hard emotionally and financially for acquaintances, friends and family, and each of us should attempt, as we can, to try and bring joy to these people as best we may. It is the simple gestures of good will that will help to brighten people's holiday season as well as yours.

The Toronto Branch has much to be gratefully for in this past year, most particular your friendship and membership, but we also have seen many successes over the course of this past year. We can each be proud of a number of accomplishments that we have seen come to fruition during 2019, as we strives to "Build our Legacy". Our rebranding, implementation of new business practice to keep us all connected, relationship building with other organization and some great branch events are just a few of the highlights. This is all due to the vested interest for success, and commitment that our Branch members have.

I hope that you are as excited as I am to see what the future will bring for us in 2020. The New Year will start in a few short weeks, and there are some great things on the horizon for our Branch. As always, we will have a number of fun and educational events where we can meet and share our passion for Heraldry (a list of dates is provided below). But there is also much more in store for us in the coming year. We will continue with our theme of "Building our Legacy" over this next year, as there are still things which we want to see implemented and refined to ensure that our members are getting great value for the membership and that we are a leading edge in the heraldic community. In the first part of 2020 we will see a relaunch of our Branch website, with a hope that it will be more user friendly, a resource of information, and have a clean fresh look. A part of our focused efforts will be to attract new members. We all have friends who share our interest in heraldry and would benefit from being within this circle of friends. So why not invite them so that our branch grows and thrives.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the New Year! From the whole Executive of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, Toronto Branch and my family, Seasons Greeting and may 2020 be filled with happy memories for you and your family.

Jason Charles Burgoin, CD, FSA Scot
President
Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, Toronto Branch

Membership, Group News and Updates

Member Groups are encouraged to submit news to this regular column in An Drochaid. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month of issue - March, June, September, and December.

Fàilte - Welcome

A warm welcome to new members Clan Bruce, Clan Forbes, Clan MacEwan, Scotland Shop and to returning members Clan MacLellan and New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (NBSCA)

Soraidh slàn - Farewell

Our regrets and best wishes for departing members Clan Bell, Clan Donnachaidh (Robertson), Clan Ross and Guthrie Dance. You will be missed.

Member Roll

As of date of publication

Clans	
Family of BRUCE International, Inc.	Clan MacDougall Society
Clan CAMERON Canadian Branch	Clan MACEWEN Society
Clan CARRUTHERS Canadian Branch	Clan MACFARLANE Worldwide
Clan CARRUTHERS Society International	MACFIE Clan Society in Canada
Clan CHISHOLM Society - Canada Branch	International Association of Clan MACINNES
Clan DAVIDSON Society of North America	The Clan MACKAY Association of Canada
ELLIOT Clan Society of Canada	The Clan MACKENZIE Society of Canada
Clan FORBES Society, Inc	Clan MACLELLAN of America
Clan GRAHAM Society Inc	Clan MACLENNAN Canada
Clan GREGOR Society - Canada Chapter	Clan MACLEOD Societies of Canada
Clan HUNTER Association of Canada	Clan MACNEIL in Canada
Clan IRWIN Association	Clan MACPHERSON Association
Clan KINCAID Association International	Clan MACRAE Society of Canada
Clan LACHLAN Association of Canada Inc.	Clan MACTHOMAS
Clan LESLIE Society International	Clan MUNRO Association of Canada
Clan LOGAN Society of Canada	MURRAY Clan Society of North America
The Clan MACALPINE Society	Clan PRINGLE North America
Clan MACAULAY Association	Clan SINCLAIR Association of Canada
Clan MACDOUGALL Society of North America	The STEWART Society, Canada Branch
Associations	
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Clan Carruthers Society International (Canada)

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Simon Peter Carruthers of Holmains, Chief of the Name and Arms of Carruthers has enthusiastically accepted the position of Honorary President of our Society. As the official representative of Carruthers worldwide, this position within the Society is hereditary and will be passed down through the Chief's line.

Dr. Simon Peter Carruthers, known as Peter, can trace his ancestry through the Carruthers Chiefly line to the reign of King Alexander II of Scotland (1214-1249) and we are proud to have him on board.



Currently, negotiations are continuing between our legal representative, Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, QC, and the Lord Lyon in order to finalise the additaments of the Chief's Arms. As we stand at the moment, the Chiefly Arms of Carruthers, seen on the left and registered to the House of Holmains since 1672 after the Lyon Act of that year, are as seen and recorded without supporters.

It is suspected that the Holmains arms are a combination of the engrailed chevrons of the 'Ancient Arms' (first and second from the left below) and the three fleur-de-lis, and the red and gold of the Arms of Sir Simon Carruthers 10th and last of Mouswald and 5th Baron (1517-1548) (fourth from the left below).

The Lord Lyon Act itself, proclaimed by the parliament of King James VII, required all men of worth to prove their right to bear Arms in Scotland. As a respected clan and family, we were granted the continued use of the Arms of our Name. Like many others of this ilk and of this time, ancient heraldic armorials show that arms had been used by our Chiefs since at least the 14th century. The Chiefly Arms of Holmains, used by Chiefs of Carruthers since 1672, are now legally registered with the Lord Lyon as being the personal property and heraldic signature of Peter Carruthers of Holmains.

The main portion of the Arms, although not the full heraldic achievement, which includes the mantling, the helm, the torse/wreath, the crest and motto, is the shield itself. This is blazoned 'Gules two chevrons engrailed between three fleur-de-lis Or'. The crest from the Chief's Arms, used by the clansmen as their badge, is a Seraphim Volent Proper and it is encircled by the belt and buckle upon which is engraved the Chief's motto: Promptus et Fidelis. The Motto in Scottish heraldry is always depicted above the crest on the full achievement of Arms. The full heraldic achievement remains the personal property of the bearer of the arms.

We are advised that, based on Scottish Clan law, the use of the crest and/or the motto of a clan within and on the belt and buckle is a declaration by the individual of fealty to the clan chief whose crest is used, in our case the crest of the chiefly line of Carruthers of Holmains. The shields below are some of the Arms of our family from 1300 to date, with the Chiefly Arms of Holmains in the centre.



The Red Carruthers tartan, registered in 2017 with the Scottish Register of Tartans (STR 11700), has been recognised and adopted by the Chief, Peter Carruthers of Holmains, not simply as the Society Tartan, but as his Clan's tartan.

As our primary goal regarding a Chief has been achieved, we are further pleased to announce that we are now accepting individual and family membership of the Society headquartered in Scotland, which also includes membership in the regional branch, in this case; Clan Carruthers Society-Canada.

Membership is achieved by completing the required form and paying the necessary fees via the clan society website: www.clancarrutherssociety.org.

All Membership Certification will be signed and authenticated by both the Chief and the Convenor of Clan Carruthers Society-International. Access to our newsletter (Promptus et Fidelis), discounted official Clan merchandise and the official Carruthers tartan, will be made available to all Society members.

Thank you,

Graham Carruthers,
Executive Secretary,
Clan Carruthers Society International



Clan Gregor Society - Canada Chapter

Greetings from the Chair

Hello to the many members and friends of the Canadian Chapter of the Clan Gregor Society. Once again it gives me pleasure to reach out to our wide spread membership. Gregors over the centuries are known to have been a strong willed, disparate lot. Today we descendants are separated by distance and yet we remain united in heritage. Our Chapter now has members from coast to coast in Canada as well as a few American cousins from border States. We are Clan.

First, thank you for being a member of the Clan Gregor Society this past year. In doing so you are a vital part of one of the oldest and most dedicated Clan Societies. Sharing the proud history and heritage of MacGregor is the primary purpose of the Society and active Members are essential to its success. Your involvement is important. Once upon a time all Gregors in name or association would band together and formally pledge fealty to our Chief. This bond of loyalty went beyond mere support and grew to include unwritten commitments to take up arms in defense of Clan lands, honour and the Chief. This loyalty got us into (and sometime out of) many scrapes! Today we ask only for an annual payment of dues to help with the communication and education efforts of the Society.

We, the north, have accomplished a great deal over the past year. Many of these achievements are outlined in more detail elsewhere in this issue. In January we again presented the Chapter's Scholarship award to young student Domenic Kilpatrick at the Rob Roy Pipe Band's Burns dinner. February saw the first Maple Leaf MacGregor produced by our capable co-editors and Members of Council Bill Petrie and Sylvie Theriault. Further showcasing their considerable talents in tech production and marketing, Bill and Sylvie later launched our first web presence in April and May.

Be sure to go to <https://www.mapleleafmacgregor.ca> to view our newsletter online and get information about the Clan and other items of interest. In June we broke new ground in the Clan Gregor Society by entering into a sister Chapter agreement with the Great Lakes Chapter based in Ohio. This meaningful venture promises to generate best practices and support through shared ideas and communication. Throughout the summer we attended 5 Highland Games. In addition to our customary Glengarry and Fergus outings, we attended the Ohio Scottish Games, the Montreal Celtic Games and the Lanark County Highland Games. Supporting materials and marketing items for our Clan tent were upgraded with several new posters and banners and more are scheduled to be added for next season.



In August we were thrilled to welcome Callum McGregor Gauthier (on the left) as our Honorary Chapter Piper. We are fortunate to have this talented young man represent us and play for us at Games where we are both in attendance. The traditions of piping and Clan Gregor are old, historic and well established, and it is fitting that we now have a Chapter Piper.

Throughout the year we have been involved in supporting and participating in the work of CASSOC, (Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada) in an effort to become more connected to the large Scottish diaspora community here in Canada. Behind the scenes we have been working on our site and automation of the sign up and payment process. We hope to have the option to sign up and pay membership fees online soon.

Overall, it's been a very busy and successful year. Your Council has worked hard and special thanks to go Bill and Sylvie for bringing their willing support and helping hands to further the work of the Chapter. Thanks also to our other Council Member June MacGregor Jain and to Al McGregor for their support and work on the Scholarship Award committee.

It is a bonny team we have and I could not properly support the work of the Society without their help. Thank you all!

Perhaps the best way to gauge our efforts can be found in our growing list of new members. This year it gives me great pleasure to welcome them to the Clan Gregor Society and to its Canada Chapter.

Along with adding new members is the sadness of saying goodbye to those who have passed away. This past year Alexander "Sandy" MacNie, James Andrew Wilhelm-Boyles and Annie McGregor Stadden were called home. Proud Gregors all please join me in sending their families and survivors our condolences and gratitude for knowing them and having them as members in our Society. I will especially miss former Councilor Annie. She was an energetic and enthusiastic supporter of all things MacGregor and will be missed.

I'll close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Hogmenay.

Take time to celebrate and be grateful for all we hold dear. Thank you for your support and interest. It is my pleasure to serve you in your search for your Gregor history and heritage. Along the way we'll have some fun and raise our glasses in a toast to fellowship.

Yours aye,
Wayne MacGregor Parker



Clan Hunter Association

From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Greetings Clanfolk and a special welcome to all our new members. I hope you enjoy your experience as an official member of Clan Hunter – Canada. I hope everyone took the chance to get out to a Highland Games near you this year and show off your Hunter Tartan. (Kilt, skirt, shorts, waistcoat, hat or whatever is your thing) We were excited this year to have Clan representatives in BC, Alberta and Ontario. Look for coverage in this issue.

I have just received an update on the 2020 Clan Gathering complete with the programme for the weekend from Madam Pauline which I will send out as a separate publication. Those wishing to include their visit to Hunterston within an organized tour will be excited to discover that such a tour is available. Details below:

A Tour is being organized by Lois Wallace and Carol Hunter Sullivan

Clan Hunter Custom Tour 2020

A special Customized tour that will include the Clan Hunter gathering for 2020 is being planned. To include transportation to and from Gathering events accommodations as well as sites of Historic significance to Clan Hunter and Scotland. Carol Hunter Sullivan is planning and coordinating the itinerary with Authentic Celtic Travels.

Tentative dates are Sept.2-10, 2020.

To be on the list to get the full information as soon as it is available contact Carol at 928-542-2072 or carolhuntersullivan@gmail.com. She is compiling a list of those interested in this one of a kind trip. Folks I would suggest that if you are interested in this trip you should contact Carol soon. In the meanwhile enjoy this newsletter and as always send us your news and photos.

Tom

2019 Highland Games

A big thank you to our Clan members who hosted Clan Hunter tents at their local Highland Games this year.

- Richard Wright—Coquitlam Highland Games
- Dale Hill—Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games
- Judith Harrison—Canmore Highland Games,

If you'd like to join the fun next year, please let Tom Hunter, Clan Officer, know and he will provide you with materials and encouragement!

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games—August 9-11



On August 9-11, 2019, the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games were held. The weather was perfect and lots of people attended over the three days. As the Clan Hunter tent hosts in the Heritage Village, we had the pleasure of meeting and greeting fellow clans' people and guests from across Canada, North America and beyond. We introduced visitors to our clan tartans, crest, motto and shared some history about the clan seat at Hunterston. Dale also shared some of his personal

pictures from his visit to the Hunterston Castle.

This year there were over 50 clans represented and this was a new record for the Fergus Festival! We were honoured to welcome Lord Lyon, King of Arms, to our Clan Hunter tent. He shared with us fond memories of meeting Madame Pauline over the years in Scotland. We were privileged to share the tent with Clan Officer Tom Hunter and his wife Christine, the membership Secretary, for a few hours in the afternoon.

We benefitted from the stories they shared with guests and increased our own knowledge of clan history as well. Visitors to our clan tent included Graham Hunter, one of the newest members of our clan, Johnny Hunter-Wilson who is currently discovering and learning about his Hunter heritage, along with a number of young children who were named Hunter and we were able to share samples of the Hunter tartan with them. Many visitors connected to Hunter families through bloodlines or marriage, two of which were attending Hunter family reunions in the next few weeks! We provided them with information packages on how to become a member of our wonderful clan.

One of our highlights from the weekend was proudly representing the Hunter Clan in the Opening Ceremonies Parade of Clans. Other enjoyable activities included the Ashley MacIsaac concert, Regimental Tug of War competition, Massed Bands, Heritage Village Passport program, delicious Scottish treats, Highland Dancing and heavyweight competitions to just name a few. All in all, it was a wonderful event. We would like to thank you all for the opportunity to proudly represent Clan Hunter.

We look forward to meeting more fellow clan members next year. We will see you in Fergus. As the festival says, "It's like Scotland without the airfare!"

Dale Hill and Daphne Clarke



Canmore Highland Games—August 31st-September 1st

Judith Harrison hosted the Clan Hunter tent at the
Canmore Highland Games in Alberta on Labour Day weekend.
The day was a wee bit overcast, but spirits were high!

Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

Purpose The purpose of the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund is to assist young people in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. Activities may include, but are not limited to, dance or music lessons or competitions, travel expenses to activity, entrance fees for activity, Administration The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada. Decisions for the distribution of the fund will be made prior to the Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter Canada. The names of successful applicants will be presented at the AGM for approval and will be published in the Fall newsletter.

Conditions of Disbursement

- Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of \$100 each may be awarded to successful applicants.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications must be received by the committee by July 15th of the current year.

Expectations After Receiving a Grant Photographs and a summary of the activity will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan. Send your request for an application form to Tom Hunter, 61 Downing Crescent, London, Ontario, N6C 3C7 or by email to: tomhunter670@gmail.com

Next Clan Gathering—2020

Taken from Clan Hunter-UK Facebook page:
Our gathering will be held over the weekend of 4th to 6th
September 2020. You will all be able to visit the Largs



Viking Fire Festival and Viking Village which is being held over the same weekend. Programme will be announced soon. Looking forward to sharing Hunterston Castle with everyone.

Madam Pauline, Clan Chief



Clan Logan Society International

Excerpts from "Our Valour - Vol 13 -No 4- Oct 2019.pdf"

CABER PROMENADE BY STEVEN LOGAN

The Scottish season in Montreal always starts in August. Clan Logan attended the first event, the Caber Promenade on August 1st, 2019. We grouped at Parc Des Madelinots in Verdun. There were many people.

The Saint Andrew's Society of Montreal was there as well as a medieval reenactment group, those who will be present at the Montreal Highland games this year. All the volunteers for our Highland Games also attended and we had bagpipers.

The Scottish community of Montreal got together and paraded down Wellington street with the cabers used in the caber throw at our games. We were greeted by many residents and spectators that encouraged us as we headed for Verdun City Hall. Clan Logan marched down Wellington street with Laurent Audar, our new Vice-President who proudly held the Clan Logan banner. We later arrived at Verdun City hall to see Scottish dancing and get together to take pictures.

Clan Logan's special guest, Tartan Ted came to the games as well. He's a teddy bear who wears the Canadian tartan and travels the country visiting one Highland Game after the next and will eventually return to Scotland. Ted raises Scottish pride and awareness by having his photo taken with various people for Instagram using the hashtag #tartantedcanada.



From left to right: Laurent Audar, Vice President, medieval reenactors, and Steven Logan, Commissioner for Canada



Steven Logan and the Montreal Highland Games volunteers with Olivia holding Tartan Ted!

WEE CEILIDH BY STEVEN LOGAN

On August 2nd, 2019, Clan Logan briefly attended the Wee Ceilidh event at the Burgundy Lion Pub in Montreal. It was a magical evening that allowed us to gather and meet up and enjoy some bagpipes and Scottish dancing. The organizers of the Montreal Highland Games, volunteers and friends were all there. It was nice to relax before a string of events, have a pint and a good laugh. We talked with Sara from the Saint Andrew's Society of Montreal and with Olivia, a volunteer at our games.

Clan Logan supporter and host at our Games, Vicki Onufriu came for a drink and had a fun time with us. Brian Mackenzie played his bagpipes as the crowd applauded. We had to leave early because on the following day, we were on our way to the Maxville Glengarry Highland Games. It was sad to leave early as the fun was just beginning. We are very serious about our Scottish affairs so it's duty over pleasure. It was clear that the Scots partied until the early morning hours. It was a very nice Wee Ceilidh.

MAXVILLE HIGHLAND GAMES

BY STEVEN LOGAN

Clan Logan was at the Maxville Glengarry Highland Games on August 3rd, 2019. This year, due to obligations at the Montreal Highland Games, we only attended one day of events.

Saturday was a busy day in Maxville as we greeted many visitors to our Clan Logan booth, including various other Scottish Clans who were at the games. Clan MacLennan came back to visit us this year, shook our hand and talked for a little while. We enjoyed hosting at these games and plan on attending more games in Ontario in years to come.

Tartan Ted came to the games with us and was the center of attention as all clans wanted a picture with him. Some Logans met up with us and one of them, Heather Shelagh Logan, became a member on the spot. It was a great day for many reasons as we participated in the Clans parade and were able to promote our Clan values and traditions. Member Patrick Dionne-Kuno came to visit us and mentioned he was interested in becoming a Clan Logan representative for the province of Ontario. More good news!



Steven Logan with new CLS member Heather Shelagh Logan



Commissioner Steven Logan, Patrick Dionne-Kuno (CLS Canada representative for Ontario) and CLS Canada Vice President Laurent Audar

MONTREAL HIGHLAND GAMES 2019

BY STEVEN LOGAN

On August 4th, 2019, Clan Logan participated in the Montreal Highland Games. Not only were we hosts, we were actively involved in making the event happen. Your Canadian Commissioner was also the Clans and NPO Director. Seven Scottish Clans attended, a record for our games. Not a bad result for a first year as Director. Clan Logan was represented by members Yanice Artigny, Josée and Krystelle Filiatreault and our CLS Canada Vice President Laurent Audar, who hosted and helped organize our setup.

There were many surprise visitors this year. Guy Morriset, President of the Festival Celtique de Québec came. We also met up with the very first Logans who came to our tent in 2015 at these games. Charles Roy Logan, his father and Jessyca Roy Logan also visited us again.

Within the duties of Clans and NPO Director, we handed a certificate to Chieftain of the Day, Patrice Lambert MacLeod, organized a Clans Parade, and offered a certificate for Best Clan 2019 to Clan Lindsay. We stand by our motto Hoc Majorum Virtus, This is the Valour of My Ancestors. As a result, Clan Logan offered a bottle of whisky to Clan Lindsay for their hard work that has surely made their ancestors proud.

This year, the Clans participated in the opening ceremony. Marilyn Meikle, President of the Saint Andrew's Society of Montreal mentioned Steven Logan for getting a record number of clans to attend this year. The Montreal Highland games were a resounding success this year and Clan Logan stood out by its involvement and representation.



Steven Logan giving Best Clan certificate to Johanne Lindsay of Clan Lindsay



Clan group picture: (from left to right: Clan MacNicol, Clan Lindsay, Clan Logan, Clan Mackenzie (at the back), Clan Gregor, Clan Bell, Clan Macleod)

FERGUS DOWNTOWN PARADE

BY STEVEN LOGAN

Clan Logan travelled to Fergus on August 8th, 2019. Once we arrived, we checked into our hotel. We immediately changed into our Scottish Clan attire and headed for the Fergus Downtown Parade.

We arrived at the ballpark diamond on the corner of Albert and David street and met up with many Clans waiting to participate. Joseph Bell came to join us, after we last saw him at the Montreal Highland Games. We met Lord Lyon himself, Sir Joseph Morrow, for the first time as he got ready to parade with us. We went down the street all the way to the Royal Canadian Legion. People applauded as they saw us with our banner. We ended the evening with a little drink. It was a nice way to start our events in Fergus!

BLACK WATCH REGIMENT OPEN HOUSE BY STEVEN LOGAN

On Saturday September 28th was the Black Watch Regiment of Canada's open house event. Clan Logan was there to participate and demonstrate its pride in our fine military personnel. Clan Logan mingled with many people who came to visit and ask questions.

There was a military tent set up, as well as many weapons on display. Information was given to those willing to join the military reserve, and who would want to become infantry soldiers and officers. We visited the virtual reality shooting gallery which allowed visitors to test weapons. We also spoke to many officers and were able to give a very sincere thank you on behalf of Clan Logan for services rendered to the population.

We are extremely proud of our Black Watch Regiment of Canada as it is the oldest Highland regiment in our country, and it has served us very well through the years.

As we spoke to various people, we were able to promote our casino night that we will be participating in October 19th with the Black Watch Women's Division.

Many people were surprised to hear of our Clan's involvement. They were pleased to know that we want to continue to build strong ties within our Scottish Community in Montreal. Clan Logan looks forward to participating and contributing to many events in the future with our Black Watch Regiment.

TASTE OF SCOTLAND 2019 BY STEVEN LOGAN

On October 18th, 2019, Clan Logan attended the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society "A taste of Scotland" an event held at the Black Watch Armory. It was a lovely evening that allowed us to meet up with friends while enjoying a wide selection of various whiskys on offer. There was a long table with various bottles and a person behind each ready to serve and allow us to taste as we went around with our pens evaluating the drinks. Among those people was politician Lori Morrison NDP candidate and her husband Greg.

We also met up with the organizers of The Montreal Highland Games. We talked about Clan Logan's participation in the 2020 games and the upcoming Saint Andrew's Society Ball held on November 22nd that we will be attending.

The event also featured an excellent buffet and we had everything from smoked salmon to chocolate dipped strawberries. Clan Logan was able to meet a variety of new people who never attended the Black Watch Whisky tasting event before. We made new friends and promoted our Clan's values, tradition and history. It was a great evening had by everyone.

Upcoming Clan Logan Event Participation in Canada

1. Jan 1, 2020 Meet and Greet with the Regiment de Maisonneuve Montreal, Quebec
2. Jan 23, 2020 SAINT-ANDREWS SOCIETY BURNS NIGHT Montreal, Quebec
3. Jan 25, 2020 GREAT CANADIAN KILT SKATE Atrium Rink Bonaventure Station, Montreal, Quebec
4. Feb 8, Burns night in Otterburn Park, Qc.
5. Feb 15, 2020 THE BLACKWATCH OF CANADA HIGHLAND BALL Montreal, Quebec
6. Mar 22, 2020 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCHING WITH THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY Montreal, Quebec
7. April 2020 AULD ALLIANCE CEREMONY (Quebec Thistle Award) Montreal, Quebec
8. April 2020 VERDUN TARTAN DAY CELEBRATION (Royal Canadian Legion) LaSalle, Ontario
9. May 23, 2020 WOMEN'S DIVISION FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY Montreal, Quebec
10. Jun 2020 WELLINGTON SIDEWALK SALES Verdun, Quebec
11. Jul 1, 2020 CANADA DAY PARADE Montreal, Quebec
12. Aug 1, 2020 GLENGARY GAMES Maxville, Ontario
13. Aug 2, 2020 MONTREAL HIGHLAND GAMES Douglas Institute Grounds Verdun, Quebec
14. Aug 9, 2020 FERGUS PAGEANTRY PARADE Fergus, Ontario
15. Aug 8-9, 2020 FERGUS FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES Fergus, Ontario
16. Sep 2020 FESTIVAL CELTIQUE GAMES Quebec City, Quebec
17. Sep 2020 ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY FISH & CHIPS Montreal, Quebec
18. Oct 2020 A TASTE OF SCOTLAND, THE ROYAL BLACK WATCH ARMORY Montreal, Quebec
19. Nov 2020 DEBUTANTE'S RECEPTION Montreal, Quebec
20. Nov 2020 SAINT-ANDREWS SOCIETY BALL Montreal, Quebec
21. Dec 2020 BLACK WATCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Montreal, Quebec
22. Dec 2020 STE-ANNE'S HOSPITAL VISIT Montreal, Quebec



Clan MacAulay Association



September saw MacAulays and friends from 9 countries gather for their biennial Gathering at the Coylumbridge Hotel in Aviemore surrounded by the beautiful Cairngorms.

Our three-day event included a welcome meal and evening on Thursday, complete with a hard-fought Scotland trivia game.

Friday started early with our day of touring. We began with a momentous visit to the Culloden battlefield where so many Scots lost their lives and, ultimately, their Highland ways for so many years. We loaded back onto the coach where a snack of Walker's shortbread awaited. It was off to the Aberlour area where Gatherers visited one of Cardhu Distillery, Knockando Woollen Mill or the Speyside Cooperage.

Friday evening was resplendent with Gatherers awash in MacAulay tartans. Leading the head table into the formal was our brilliant Italian pipe band (yes, we have our own Italian pipe band!). Local piper Spud the Piper then regaled us with his very energetic Ode to the Haggis. Following the lovely meal, our retiring Chief Hector was honoured with gifts from the members and executive to recognize his many years of service. The evening ended with fantastic Scottish music by Gleusda with Donald Black and Màrtainn Skene. A highlight was MacAmhlaidh Gu Brath (MacAulay Forever) composed and sung by lifetime member Donald Mackenzie.

Saturday morning dawned early for those with an interest in DNA and genealogy. Lots of great information and questions and this will definitely form a part of all Gatherings going forward.

From genealogy to frivolity, Gatherers participated in the first International MacAulay Heavy(ish) Games. Two events were featured: haggis hurling and hammer for distance. Although the haggis was regulation weight, the hammer definitely wasn't! There was much laughter as Gatherers did their best to heft the haggis and throw the hammer.

After a brief respite it was time for the Annual General Meeting of Clan MacAulay where the business of the Clan was completed. Joan McAulay of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was elected Chief; the first woman and first from the diaspora to be elected Chief.

Later in the day we showcased some of Scotland's great drink as Gatherers were invited to tastings of either Cairngorms Brewery and Tomantin Distillery in advance of our dinner and celidh.

Following the meal the location of the Gathering in 2021 was unveiled —Stornoway, Isle of Lewis! and a celidh dance demonstration by local dancers. Then it was time for us to ceilidh! Màrtainn Skene and his Ceilidh band entertained us. Perhaps more entertaining was watching those of us who are new to ceilidh dancing. But no ceilidh evening would be complete without Barry and his tin pipe, Don Mackenzie and his musician friends leading us in singing our favourite tunes.

There were many hugs as Gatherers said goodbye at the end of the evening with the promise of meeting again in 2 years in Stornoway.

Joan McAulay
Chief, Clan MacAulay

Dulce Periculum
MacAmhlaidh gu Brath!



Clan MacFarlane Worldwide



Laurie with husband Don Jackson

Clan MacFarlane Worldwide is closing 2019 with enthusiasm for our continued growth and project development. Our Facebook page now sports over 2800 members, and our official voting membership (comprised of paid members) has grown also. We are working on the development of a new, dynamic website which should launch in early 2020. Our very talented Board members are bringing us into the technology world at a mind-boggling pace with video-conferencing, electronic document editing, and much more... I am trying to learn quickly.

We saw to a successful conclusion another archeology dig on our ancestral lands in Scotland. An event we are excited about in April 2020 is a joint venture called "Cowboy Boots and Kilts" with Clans Colquhoun, McGregor, and Scott at the San Antonio (Texas) Highland Games where we will compete in "battles" for bragging rights to the title of Winner. See <https://www.clancolquhoun.com/> for more information.

We wish you all the best in the coming year. As my mother always reminded me, "the best is yet to be."

We would like to invite all MacFarlanes with whatever spelling and all Septs of the Clan to visit our website and Facebook page to see other things we have planned for the future.

Laurie MacFarlane Jackson, President



Clan MacRae Society of Canada

As we end the year 2019, we would like to wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New year. The MacRaes of Canada have updated their website and their Facebook page to everyone's delight, thanks to our web master, Sharon Graves - MacRae. She has done a wonderful job of organizing it in a clear and functional manor. The MacRae Society of Canada does things a bit different than most clans within their Board members. The Society has divided Canada into four regions, Pacific, Western, Central, and Eastern with a Vice President responsible for each region as well as the President.

Clan MacRae has a Family Tree DNA project and share with the US (Clan MacRae Society of America). We also have a genealogy section that was requested many times and has now been running for about 6 years where our clan members can connect with others if you are a paid member.

On May 8th to Sunday May 12th this year(2019), the Clan MacRaes of Scotland organized a Clan MacRae International Gathering for the Scattered Children of Kintail which followed a pattern styled as "The Clan Trail". It commenced in Edinburgh, then moved on to the Dunblane and Stirling area and then moved north to Kintail, Skye and Lochalsh.

The Trail was based on a series of events from clan history with a different focus on each day. There were events at Arthur's Seat ('affair of the Wild MacRaes' in 1778), the battlefield of Sheriffmuir 1715, where the clan's memorial cairn is situated, and in Kintail and surrounding areas based on the clan's castle at Eilean Donan, Dornie 300 years to the day after its destruction during the Jacobite "Little Rising" taking in the broachs at Glenelg and Glen Shiel, the site of the battle there in 1719 a month after the castle was destroyed.

The Gathering celebrated the 300th Anniversary of the "Attack on Eilean Donan Castle". On May 10th, 1719, the Royal Navy frigates "FLAMBOROUGH, WORCHESTER, and ENTERPRISE" initially fired cannon against the castle walls at Eilean Donan. A landing party ashore took the castle's surrender from its mainly Spanish defenders. It was part of "the Little Rising" and was followed a month later by the Battle of Glenshiel. The landing parties then blew up and destroyed the castle, which remained a ruin until its 20th-century restoration.



Eilean Donan Castle in Kintail



Flamborough, Worcester, and Enterprise attacking on May 10th, 1719



Sheriffmuir - The Clan's Memorial Cairn

The ships "Flamborough, Worcester, & Enterprise" attacking Eilean Donan Castle on May 10th in 1719. Sheriffmuir – the clan's memorial cairn. This past year the delegates attended 16 Highland Games and Festivals in Ontario and met many wonderful MacRaes and Septs of the Clan MacRae. There were also Highland Games attended by our delegates on the Pacific Coast and East Coast as well.

Our Honourary President from Scotland (the Grand Lady of Eilean Donan Castle), Marigold MacRae now retired is still living a full life in her home region of Nairn. Marigold's daughter, Baroness Miranda van Lynden has been in charge for the past few years and is now the Constable of Eilean Donan Castle and is doing a great job, I must say. <http://www.clan-macrae.org.uk/> Eilean Donan Castle in Kintail.

We would like to invite all MacRaes or Septs of MacRaes to our spring meeting in Toronto on the weekend of May 1–3, 2020 inclusive for a fun-filled weekend.

Sgurr Uran



Clan Munro Association of Canada

On 11 Nov 2019, Remembrance Day, Jo Ann Munro Tuskin, UE, presented a wreath at the Ontario Ceremony of Remembrance at the Memorial Wall at Queen's Park, Toronto, on behalf of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

However, she is also wearing a Munro tartan sash with her historic outfit in honour of all Munros who have served their country. Her ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion.



Clan Sinclair Association of Canada

Dear Friends and Relatives...

A few months ago we shared in the opportunity of reading about Brigadoon Village in our newsletter 'Roslin O' Roslin' when our Clan Sinclair Canada President Roger Sinclair wrote a brief description of this great initiative. I am very pleased today to attach a video about this absolutely outstanding project for you so you can share in learning more of the details about Brigadoon!

Sincerely aye,
Cousin George



<https://youtu.be/1hpkCwJ2K-s>



Caledonia Celtic Festival

Plans for next year are already well under way. Attendees and volunteers were asked to complete a survey during the 2019 festival. That festival garnered great positive feedback along with some creative suggestions that we plan to implement.

Our second annual festival will be on the evening of Friday, June 26 th and all day Saturday June 27 th in 2020. This venue will again be Caledonia Fairgrounds located south of Hamilton, Ontario.

Caledonia Fairgrounds is a wonderful venue located on the north bank of the scenic Grand River. The Riverside Exhibition Centre, currently nearing completion of a six million dollar renovation and located right on the fairgrounds will be available for festival use in 2020.

Our 2020 entertainment team is very proud to reveal they have some popular and well known Celtic musical entertainment lined up for the festival including "The Tartan Terrors", "The American Rogues" and "Finlaggan" with more to follow.

Keep up to date on current announcements by following us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/caledoniacelticfestival> or check out the website <https://www.caledoniacelticfestival.com>





Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Fergus Scottish Festival to mark 74th year with a mixture of pomp and flair

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is excited to announce Ashley MacIsaac as its Friday night musical guest.

Visitors to the 74th annual Fergus Festival and Highland Games will be treated to a truly authentic Scottish Festival with a modern twist.

It begins with the formal Tattoo'd in Tradition ceremony hosted by Scottish musician, actor and educator Gillebride MacMillan. MacMillan is an award-winning Scottish Gaelic singer, educator and author. His warmth and humour as well as his knowledge of all things Scottish have made him a fan favourite in Fergus. It does not hurt that he has a second career as an actor. He appeared as Gwyllyn the Bard in the immensely popular STARZ television series, Outlander.

Visitors will be carried away by the skirl of the pipes, the swirl of the kilts, the precision marching, all to the rapid fire of the snare drum and the hypnotic beat of the bass drum.

The tattoo kicks off three days of festivities celebrating the four pillars of The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games: the heavy athletics (including caber toss, hammer throw and weight throw), pipes and drums, highland dance, and clans

"The massed bands are indeed Scotland Without the Airfare," says entertainment chair Katie Sinclair.

The pipes, pomp and pageantry of the tattoo will be followed by a world class fireworks display.

"The Friday night tattoo will touch all of your senses. It makes everyone Scottish – even if it is just for a night," she says.

After this, MacIsaac will cap the night off with a performance under the stars. With his most recent album, Fidler, he brings traditional Celtic fiddle music into the 21st century, adding a modern flair. MacIsaac earned his chops at an early age, taught by some of the legendary greats of his native stomping ground, Cape Breton. He moved on to headline all over the island in halls, clubs, barns and kitchens. His breakthrough album, Hi How Are You, was released in the mid 90's and the accolades and awards rolled in. With the touring, the interviews and the appearances the persona took shape and the legend took hold.

Founded in 1946, the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is an annual three-day event that celebrates local Scottish heritage and features world-renowned talent and entertainment in the beautiful town of Fergus, Ontario. It holds the title of the oldest three-day Scottish festival in North America and has attracted over 30,000 visitors.

The festival takes place from August 9 to August 11 this year.

Having MacIsaac and MacMillan is already a lot for one year, but festival organizers say they still have more guests to announce. Up to the minute information on guests can be found by "liking" the Fergus Scottish Festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, by subscribing to their e-newsletter, and by checking their website at www.fergusscottishfestival.com.

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Thank you for having us in your clan
We wish you & yours a
Merry Christmas &

Happy Hogmanay!

Looking forward to sharing more
tartan joy in 2020



Best wishes from bonnie Scotland

Anna & The Tartan Team

We love all things tartan and specialise in creating made to order tailored tartan garments & interior products in a range of over 500 tartans, using fabric woven in Scotland. Our headquarters are in the Scottish Borders and our Flagship store is based in the West End of Edinburgh. We have been operating online since 2002, with our Edinburgh store opening in 2017.

Our business was founded on not only a love of fashion, fabric and Scottish culture but also a desire to contribute to the development of the local rural economy in the Scottish Borders. Having sold online for many years we already have a large customer base in Canada and in August we made our first trip to tour three Highland Games and to host a Pop-Up store & measuring service. This year the games that we visited were; Glengarry, Montreal & Fergus and our Pop-Up store was held in Toronto at MacKenzie House museum.

We hope to expand upon our successful Highland Games tour next year and to host more frequent Pop-Up stores in Canada going forward. You can find out more about our story, locations, & events on this page of our website - <https://www.scotlandshop.com/about-us>

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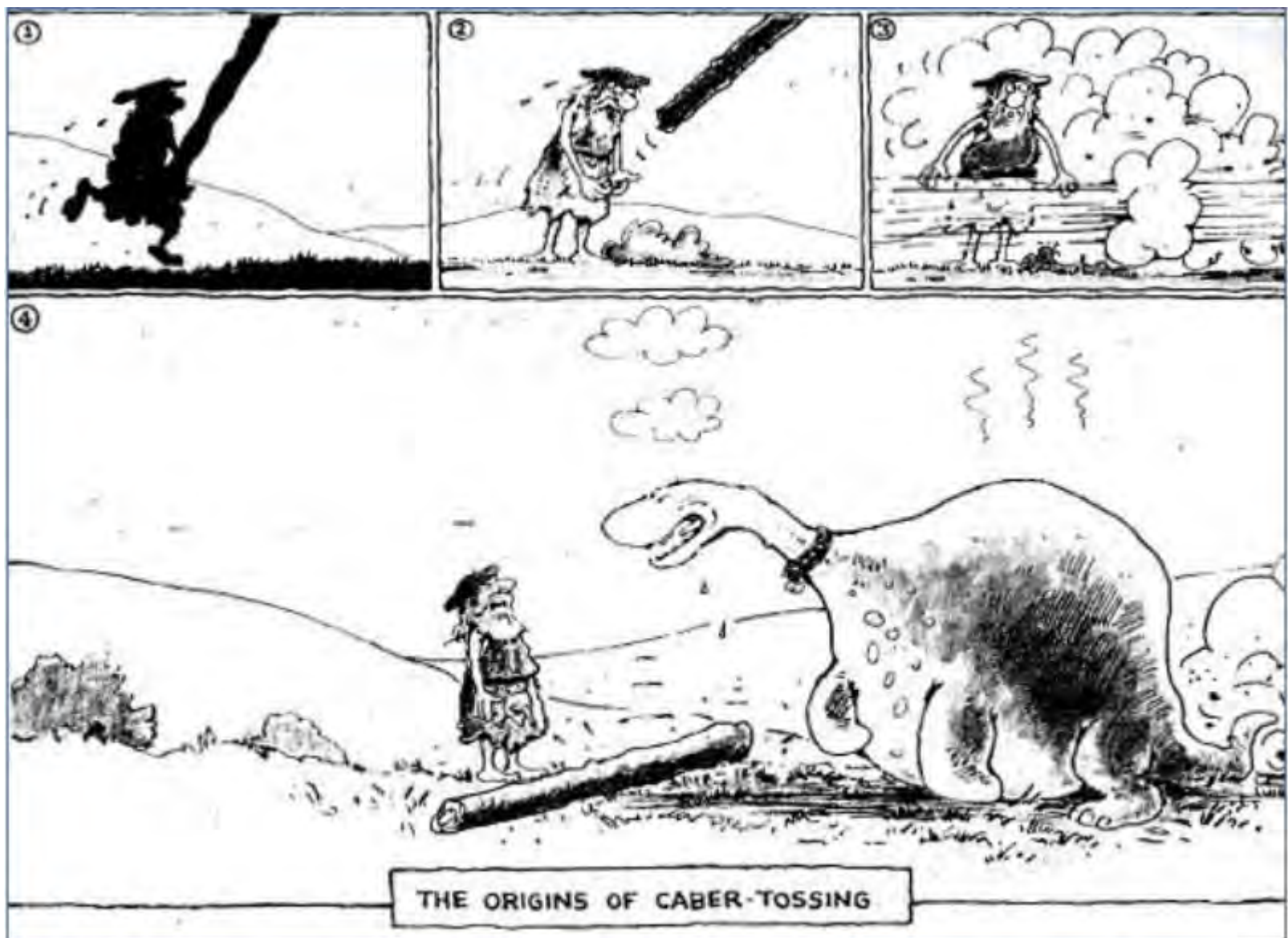


Highlights from the St. Andrews Charity Ball 2019



Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOihjHb1k4I> Photos <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sastoronto/>

Scottish Humour



Ours thanks to Clan Hunter for this gem!



Castle Duart, seat of Clan MacLean (whose Chief is a patron of CASSOC)

[An Drochaid - The Bridge](#)

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members. This edition features Pakenham Stone Bridge, Mississippi Mills, Ontario. Built in 1903 by O'Toole and Keating, Scottish masons from Ottawa.

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