

# An Drochaid - The Bridge

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# Frae the Chair



We live in a world of frameworks and systems. Political, economic and social conventions that extend the trust and sense of community we would normally only have for those we personally interact with. This is essential for having successful societies and nations.

As a person of Scottish heritage, I'm proud of the many contributions Scots have made in this regard.

This said, frameworks and systems do have a downside. Especially when it comes to aligning with what evolves faster than they do. The prime example being technology and how slowly changing frameworks and systems enables the proverbial 'frog in the pot' paradigm.

For anyone unfamiliar with this, it suggests that a frog thrown into hot water will immediately jump out, however put in a cool pot slowly warmed to a cooking temperature, the frog will become the soup.

I used to be of the mind that systems inherently have an element of evil in them with the way that rules and processes to optimize the overall good can be so harsh and harmful to outliers. A necessary evil which requires us to apply the great compassion of Robert Burns in order to soften and keep our humanity first in our judgements when applying those frameworks and systems. Have a read and thought about Burn's 'Comin Thro the Rye' for what I mean.

Another downside that's becoming apparent is how often frameworks and systems are gamed by some for wealth and power plus by others for unbridled zealotry. Fortunately we, in most Western societies, have mechanisms in place to limit abuses. I'm not sure I know of anyone who would refuse an obscene lottery win and, definitely, I do know that zealotry has always, is and will always be a potential of our human nature. For better or worse, it is part of who we are.

Thankfully there are some temporary brakes in place and we will, with laws, regulations, social and economic pressures, have our frameworks and systems catch up where needed.

As for the zealotry part, I know I'll be in that zone with getting to as many of the wonderful highland games, festivals and events as possible this year. Hope to see you there as well, so please be sure to look us up at our CASSOC and/or MacGregor presence.

Yours Aye,  
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***Editor's Note: In honour of Tartan Day, the background for this issue is a patch quilt of each of our member clan tartans plus one from a festival. The pattern has been rotated 180 degrees between the left and right pages with the current tartan for CASSOC, the Maple Leaf Tartan, in the center. We hope the outcome of the upcoming Tartan Challenge will provide new options for issue backgrounds and perhaps even a new tartan that CASSOC can call it's own!***



# Spring General Meeting and Tartan Week Party



## Join us for our Spring General Meeting 2022 and Tartan Week Party

### *Featuring*

Music, Scottish Studies Updates, History of the Kilt Presentation,  
Tartan Challenge Competition and more!

Registration in advance is required for attending the event through Zoom.

Streaming will be done to Facebook for view-only attendees.

***Click here by April 2nd, 2022 in order to register to attend by Zoom***

Look for more details on our Website, Facebook and Group Pages

Or contact [events@cassoc.ca](mailto:events@cassoc.ca) for more information at any time

## **Featuring a Special Tartan Challenge**

*Hosted by Emily Redman of ScotlandShop*

Similar to last year, there will be a refresher on tartan design before break out into teams to come up with a theme-based tartan followed by a group review.

The challenge this year is to optionally propose a new tartan for  
Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

Should a success happen with this challenge ScotlandShop has offered to help CASSOC with  
formalization and registration with the Scottish Tartan Authority



# Clan Mackay - Reflections on Turning 99



**Editor's Note:** The following article is from A'Bratach Bhan, Volume 40 Issue 1, the newsletter of the Clan Mackay.

Message from the A'Bratach Bhan Editor:

*In 1872 Reverent George Leslie Mackay established his ministry in Taiwan. 2022 marks the 150 anniversary of this event and in celebration, this issue of the Clan Newsletter contains an article by his granddaughter, Margaret, "Reflections on turning 99" and an article by Edward Chung who travelled around Taiwan to express his appreciation of all the great work done by Reverent Mackay.*



## Reflections on Turning 99

Stay, stranger, stay as you are passing by.

As you are now so once was I.

As I am now

you soon may be

Oh, then, prepare to follow me.

This is a poem from a park in Hong Kong that we, the Mackay family, visited many years ago. It seems a fitting way to begin a small reflection on turning 99.

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# Clan Mackay - Reflections on Turning 99

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I am grateful for so many things. This treasure trove of memories of growing up with my siblings in Tamsui..what a gift that was. We thought Tamsui was the most wonderful place on earth. And then my brothers and sisters and I went to the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan, as boarders. That was another adventure. It was a four day trip on a ship..we travelled second class (with cabins and bunks) and went to the dining room for Japanese-style meals. The Canadian Academy was made up mostly of Canadian and American families who lived in Japan. We had our larks and lots of fun memories...along with having a pretty strong academic tone.

We wrote the Ontario Provincial exams..and we always did well. We were born with this wonderful Mackay history of George Leslie Mackay, our grandfather..our missionary roots and life our families in Taiwan and in Canada. The whole Church connection was simply part of our heritage. Our family home in Tamsui has been made into a museum: Mackay Memorial Museum. For us, it was our much-loved home where we as a family lived and loved. I feel we grew up with two homelands: Formosa (now Taiwan) and Canada. What a gift!

It is impossible to sum up a whole long life...I find it 'ridiculous' that I am turning 99..and, yet, I think of the Winnie the Pooh line: I didn't know we were making memories, I thought we were just having fun. Over the years, there were, of course, many joys and sorrows: all the history involved in living from 1919 to now; my siblings and I growing up and leaving home; the death of our much-loved brother, Leslie, during World War 11 (1942); the death of our father (1963) and our leaving Taiwan as a family (1968); wonderful friends made and enjoyed ; the various places that we Mackay sisters lived in Toronto..with our mother for a while until her death (1969); the many pets we loved over all the years: our favourite Tamsui dog – Samuel Samson Samkin de Daniel to the last dog we brought to keep our mother company in Canada– Parka. Anna and I have always had a cat to entertain us. Misty is my much-loved cat who gives me much joy right now.

We were all blessed to do what we loved: Anna – teaching; Ross – a world- recognized geologist; Isabel – a nurse; and I retired from the Admin. Office of U.of T. with people I loved to work with. Knox Presbyterian Church has always been our home Church and our faith home...from beginning to end...and always, we stayed connected to Taiwan and our many friends there and here.

Mostly, I feel great gratitude for Tamsui, Taiwan, and all we lived there and the rich Mackay heritage we inherited. I feel blessed with a lifetime of wonderful friends and family – including all of you who are reading this. In my old age, I am also grateful beyond measure to those dear friends and workers who have helped me live so well in my own home. You all have my deep thanks for sharing this life journey with me..and faith sustains it all.

And so I close with the Traveller's Psalm that we Mackays always sang when we were going on a trip (for example, when we went off to school or on furlough):

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth,  
And even for evermore. (Ps. 121)

Peng-an...and great blessings on your journey, Margy



# Clan Mackay - In the steps of George Leslie Mackay

## In the Steps of George Leslie Mackay

by Edward Chung, with Bill Butt

I have lived in Canada for more than 30 years. I was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, which was established in northern Taiwan by the Ontario missionary George Leslie Mackay, beginning in 1872. To express my appreciation for George Leslie Mackay, and for all his work, I decided to travel around the island on foot to visit as many Presbyterian churches as I could, remind people about Mackay's contributions and legacy, and celebrate the 150th anniversary in 2022 of his arrival in Tamsui, Taiwan.

I walked counter-clockwise, starting and ending at Tamsui, where Mackay had lived. All this happened in January to April of 2021. And yes, this was during the covid-19 pandemic.

Some figures to show the scope of what I managed:

- In total I visited 95 Presbyterian churches: 82 Taiwanese-speaking, 4 Hakka-speaking, and 10 Indigenous, plus the Yushan Theological College. In many of these I stayed overnight.
- Total distance: 3227 kilometres. Of this, I walked 545 kilometres, with a total walking time of 179 hours.
- The rest, by other means—car, motorcycle, bus, train, subway—was 2682 kilometres. I took hundreds of pictures, and carried a large backpack weighing
- 12.5 kilograms, and a small one weighing 6.5 kg. And yes, my feet and my back sometimes did hurt.
- In the evenings I was tired, but found time and energy to unpack my laptop to write my journal, and look at the dozens of photos I took each day. Often, I shared Mackay stories with the youth and other church groups.
- In all that time, I met only one other hiker.

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Bravely setting out Feb 10



Church in Lintienshan Hualien Mar 14



Jinbaoli Church Jinshan Apr 6

# Clan Mackay - In the steps of George Leslie Mackay

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Here are some of my impressions from my trip.

- There's such a fascinating variety of church architecture—urban and rural, imposing high-rises or modest chapels, newly built or a hundred years old.
- The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan continues to grow—many of the churches were established not during the original glorious missionary days, but through most of the 20th and into the 21st century.
- Pretty well all the congregations dedicate themselves to practical social-justice work in their communities. They put their faith into practice in an organized way—ministering to seniors, youth, immigrants, people isolated and marginalized.
- The aboriginal churches and their culture remains strong—in the ten churches that I visited, all hold services in their own traditional languages.
- Taiwanese Presbyterians are one large and generous family—at every church I was warmly and gracefully welcomed. For that matter, I can say the same for everyone I met. Everyone was friendly and helpful.
- To walk to these churches of course I had to walk through Taiwan, and I am still extremely moved by the beauty and variety of the Taiwanese landscape—busy and brightly lit city streets, mountains, forests, ocean coasts with mists and sun.
- Taiwanese culture is deep and varied—I visited museums and festivals, places of manufacturing, fishing and farming sites, historic parks and architecture.
- And of course there is the legacy of Reverend George Leslie Mackay, all those churches which I came to know, and the fact—who would have predicted at the time?—that he was born in a pioneer cabin in Oxford County, Canada.

I've made a book about my journey, 142 pages long, each page with photographs as well as text. This article for Clan Mackay is my summary. Thank you for reading.



Reverends Pan & Wang  
Duoliang Church Mar 9



Singing, Sanyi Church Feb 16



Xizhi Church Jan 14

# Recipes

**Editor's Note: The following recipes are from A'Bratach Bhan, Volume 40 Issue 1, the newsletter of the Clan Mackay.**

## **Roll-out Sugar Cookies**

[Yield: Approximately 24 cookies – varies with size of cookie cutter.]

### **Ingredients**

1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 lg egg  
2 tsp baking powder 1 tsp vanilla  
2  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups flour

### **Instructions**

Preheat oven to 400F

Cream butter and sugar together in a large bowl with an electric mixer. Beat in egg and vanilla.

Mix flour and baking powder together in a separate bowl and add the mixture to the batter slowly, one cup at a time, combining after each addition. The last  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup will need to be stirred in by hand.

Divide dough into two balls. There is no need to chill, it will become stiff.

On a floured surface, roll out to  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch thickness. Cut out shapes and place them on a non-stick or parchment paper covered cookie sheet.

Bake on the middle rack for 6 to 10 minutes or until light brown.

## **Sugar Cookies Icing (dries hard and smooth for decorating)**

### **Ingredients**

1 cup powdered sugar (icing sugar)  
3 tsp milk  
2 tsp light corn syrup (clear or "white")  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp vanilla or almond extract plus food colouring of your choice.

### **Instructions**

Stir the sugar and milk until smooth.

Beat in corn syrup and vanilla until icing is smooth and glossy. If it's too thick add more corn syrup.

Divide into bowls and add food colouring as desired.

Cookies can be dipped in icing, or spread with the back of a spoon.

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## **Peanut Butter and Sesame Crinkle Cookies (makes 2 dozen)**

### **Ingredients**

1½ cups granulated sugar  
 1 cup smooth peanut butter  
 ½ cup (4 oz) unsalted butter (at room temperature)  
 2 Tbsp toasted sesame oil  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 1 medium egg  
 1 cup (about 4 ¼ oz) all purpose flour  
 1 cup uncooked old fashioned regular rolled oats  
 ¾ cup roasted peanuts, roughly chopped  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 ¾ cup sesame seeds

### **Instructions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
 Beat sugar, peanut butter, butter, sesame oil, vanilla and egg with a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment on medium speed until smooth.  
 Reduce speed to low, and gradually add flour, oats, peanuts and baking soda, beating until combined.  
 Chill dough 20 minutes.  
 Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.  
 Spread sesame seeds on a plate.  
 Scoop out heaping tablespoonfuls of cookie dough and roll each into a ball.  
 Roll balls in sesame seeds until evenly coated, and place 2 inches apart on baking sheets.  
 Bake in preheated oven until deep golden brown, about 15 minutes.  
 Cool cookies on baking sheets for 5 minutes.  
 Transfer to wire racks and let cool completely (~10 min)



**Editor's Note: The following article is from the Claymore, newsletter of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, March 2022 Issue CM, 22/03**

## The Irwins Musical Museum

In the spirit of James Johnson, who began his collection of Scottish songs, The Scots Musical Museum, in 1787, Clan Irwin Association started a Music Project in 2020 to preserve a collection of songs and tunes which were written in honor of, about, or by Irwins, Irvings, Irvines, et al.

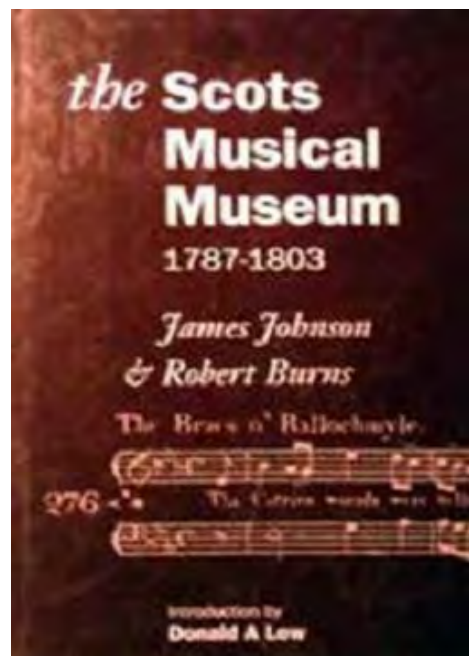
It has been a journey of discovery and enlightenment for me personally and am delighted that we have added this musical way for our members to be involved in the life of our organization.

Our collection will be known The Irwins Musical Museum. Two tunes are featured on our CIA Website: the ancient Deeside ballad, The Laird of Drum; played by the renowned Scottish Fiddler Jamie Laval, and Fair Helen of Kirkconnel Lea, a ballad from the Borders played by a native Scot, folk singer Colin Grant-Adams, a performer on the US Festival Circuit.

We have a link to our Members Only Website, which gives access to scores and recordings of other tunes in the Music Folder, including Planxty Irwin by Turlough O'Carolan; a slow air for Pipes written for Major Toby Irvine; a fiddle tune dedicated to Clan, The Irvings' Welcome to Bonshaw Tower; and more.

We hope to have a folder full of our members playing their instruments and that this Project will continue for many years to come. I am now working on putting the music and the stories behind them in a printed form for those who still like to hold a book in their hand.

I think that it can be agreed that if we are Scots, we love music!



**Susan Irwin McRae**  
Chair Clan Irwin Association



# The Caledonia Bridge



(From [Wikipedia](#)) - The Caledonia Bridge, also known as the Grand River Bridge (built 1927) is a road bridge located in Caledonia, Ontario, Canada on Argyle Street.

The bridge is the only nine-span bridge of its kind in Canada and is considered the first reinforced concrete bridge of its type ever built.

The bridge is on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List and is designated by the Haldimand County LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee).

The bridge is scheduled to be replaced by a new bridge due to structural damage and age.[4] A number of bridge deficiencies were found requiring action. The condition included structural deficiencies, structural deterioration, insufficient roadside safety, foundation problems and inadequate hydraulics. The engineering consulting firm Morrison Hershfield was approached to conduct a Context Sensitive Design Workshop for the bridge. They involved stakeholders and representatives from the public to participate in the bridge design to address various environmental aspects of the project.[5] Completion of the bridge was tentatively scheduled for 2012, but as of 2022, no work has been done towards its replacement.[6]

## History

The Hamilton-Port Dover Plank Road came through Caledonia in 1836, which resulted in the building of two Caledonia landmarks; Haldimand House: A Stagecoach-Inn, and the first Caledonia Bridge. This first bridge was wooden, with no pedestrian sidewalk, with wooden walls on either side for protection. Caledonia's Grand River Sachem reported the collapse of this bridge in 1861, stating that the "Spring Freshet" took out the bridge and damaged the Caledonia Dam. Two temporary bridges were constructed between 1861 and 1874. The last temporary bridge was replaced by a new, state of the art, iron bridge in 1875. The iron being formed at Scott's Foundry located on the eastern corner of Edinburgh Square and Caithness Streets. A toll house was also constructed on the north side of the bridge, to pay off the more than \$33,000.00 debt the town had incurred building the bridge. This bridge lasted until 1925 when a truck carrying a load of stone collapsed an entire span. This span was soon replaced and traffic carried on as usual, but a major overhaul was necessary in the long run. In 1926 Construction started on a new bridge. The bridge was to be nine-spans, the first of its type in Canada. built with iron-reinforced concrete the new bridge carried two lanes of traffic and had a pedestrian sidewalk on either side. Major reconstruction work was conducted in 1983, and again in 2008.

Statistics Length: 700 feet (210 m) Width: 72 feet 7 inches (22.12 m) Number of arches: 9



## Professor Ted Cowan 1944 - 2022

Dear members and supporters,

It is with deep sadness that I have to report that our good friend and colleague Professor Ted Cowan died suddenly on January 2, 2022.

Ted was the former Director of the University of Glasgow's Dumfries Campus and Professor of Scottish History and Literature. His main research interests included the history of Viking Scotland, the Scottish Wars of Independence, Early Modern Scottish Political Thought, the Covenanters, Scottish Emigration history and the Scots in the Arctic and Pacific North West. From 1979 to 1983, Ted was Professor of History and Chair of Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph.

In his tribute to Professor Cowan, Dr. Kevin James who holds the Scottish Studies Foundation Chair in Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph stated:

"Professor Ted Cowan was a towering figure in stature and in intellectual influence. At the University of Guelph, where he played a critical and decisive role in continuing the pioneering work of Rev. Dr. Stanford Reid and others in building Scottish Studies as a field. He was renowned for his bonhomie, his mentorship and his rigorous scholarship.

"Ted Cowan delighted the Scottish-Canadian community with his dynamism and erudition: his legacy includes partnerships which established the Scottish Studies Foundation, which has in turn created the first Scottish Studies research chair in North America. From 1979 to 1993 Ted Cowan guided the Scottish Studies programme at Guelph from strength to strength, and epitomised the community-engaged scholar. His studies of early-modern popular culture and belief in Scotland captivated readers, engaged public audiences, and advanced scholarship in the field.

"A polymath and gregarious scholar, Ted Cowan was a bright light in the Scottish Studies firm-

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ment, a beloved teacher and colleague, and a scholar whose departure for the University of Glasgow—a mark of the international esteem in which he was held—was received with equal parts regret and pride by the Scottish-Canadian community whom he had served so faithfully during his tenure at Guelph. He left a dynamic programme with an international reputation for research excellence, a coterie of exceptional graduates who had benefited from his tutelage, and a wider community whom he had inspired and educated during his time in Canada.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to Ted's family on both sides of the ocean. His memory is dear to us at the University of Guelph. We are grateful for the time he spent here, and for all that he did for so many people, and in so many ways, to advance the University's mission to 'improve life'."

Back in 2016, we were delighted to see Ted back in Canada at the University of Guelph's Fall Colloquium when, true to form in his inimitable and exuberant style, he gave a lecture on "Caledonian Canada" which was captured on video here:

<https://p10.secure.hostingprod.com/@scottishstudies.com/ssl/520-fall-colloquium-2016-ted-cowan.htm>

Ted was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

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Dear Members and Supporters,

I thought you might find the talk *Emigrant Families at Sea: Scottish migration to Canada, 1770s-1850s* by Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie of interest. Her presentation took place online on Thursday, December 16, 2021, and was one of the topics on the University of the Highlands and Islands' series of History Talks Live in which expert speakers offer their insights on a wide range of topics of interest to the historically-minded.

You can view a recording of this talk below and at the following link: <https://youtu.be/U0i2HbYGIY4>

In her talk, Dr. Ritchie looks at how many Scottish emigrants to Canada travelled as part of a family unit. Historians have been good at evaluating the experience of the transatlantic voyage by class and by gen-

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der, but to travel as a family also made a different experience — for men, women and children, both for better and for worse. It could lend a sense of security and a sense of purpose to the journey, but travelling with dependents also made everything slower, more expensive and more difficult. The impact of the journey on families, on their very constitution, their daily patterns and life events could be dramatic. Shipboard life could be a liminal space where the usual gender roles became flexible, but not always. Life events — births and deaths — were even more stressful in the crowded conditions of steerage than usual. And in some cases, it was the emigration journey, intended to benefit the family, which instead broke the family unit. In this talk Dr. Ritchie considers how travelling as a family affected Scots' experience of the transatlantic voyage, and how the voyage affected their experience of family life.

Dr. Ritchie is senior lecturer at the Centre for History, University of the Highlands and Islands. She is interested in the social and cultural history of the eighteenth and nineteenth-century Highlands, with an especial focus on religion, education, land use, and the family. She is originally from Crieff, in Perthshire, and completed her undergraduate degree in History and Masters in American Studies at the University of Glasgow and gained her PhD at the Department of History at the University of Guelph, Ontario, on *The Faith of the Crofters: Skye and South Uist, 1793-1843*.

I do hope you enjoy the talk.

Best wishes and thank you for your support.

David Hunter  
President  
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## NOT STRAYING FROM THE PATH HAS ITS BENEFITS

*The Centre for Scottish Studies is delighted to share a free livestream event presented by VisitScotland.*

*The event will feature a Cabinet Secretary from the Scottish Parliament.*

*Below are the details, including the Zoom invitation.*

*No registration is required and all are welcome to attend.*

### **Modern Day Scotland: Moving Forward with a Sustainable Recovery for the Travel & Tourism Industry**

Join representatives from the Scottish Government and VisitScotland, together with a select panel of travel experts, for a presentation and Q&A session on the challenges and opportunities around sustainable recovery and responsible tourism in modern-day Scotland.

Date: Tuesday, 5 April 2022

Time: 9:45 – 10:40 AM (ET)

Chair: Dr Malcolm Campbell, Vice-President (Research)

Join us live on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/95897063048>

Presented by VisitScotland, in partnership with the Scottish Government Office in Ottawa and the University of Guelph's Centre for Scottish Studies.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Apr 5, 2022 09:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Modern Day Scotland: Moving Forward with a Sustainable Recovery for the Travel & Tourism Industry

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95897063048>

Webinar ID: 958 9706 3048

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/a9AmXYD1y>

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## Murray Sinclair named as Companion to Order of Canada

Former senator Murray Sinclair was appointed a Companion to the Order of Canada in December 2021 by Gov. Gen. Mary Simon.

Considered one of Canada's highest civilian honours, the Order of Canada is meant to recognize people who make "extraordinary contributions to the nation." Sinclair's citation reads: For his commitment to the representation of Indigenous legal issues, and for his dedication to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

Sinclair was named as a Companion, the highest of the honour's three levels, which also include the level of Officer and Member. There can be no more than 165 living Companions at any time.

Sinclair was recognized for his reconciliation efforts. He is the former chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).



The Honourable Murray Sinclair, C.C., M.S.C

The TRC released 94 calls to action in 2015 in its report that found 4,100 named and unnamed students died in residential schools across Canada. In spring of 2021, the federal government unanimously passed legislation in May to create the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Ruth Christie

Clan Sinclair also sent a congratulatory note to Cree elder Ruth Christie of Selkirk, Manitoba, who was named a Member of the Order of Canada. She is honoured for her dedication to the preservation of Indigenous history, education and community service — specifically her storytelling, historical re-enactment and teaching to scholars, students and the public.

"Through her work, she makes a deep understanding of Indigenous, colonial and Canadian history accessible to people in Manitoba, as well as nationally and internationally," the news release said.

# Clan Sinclair Association of Canada

## Clan Sinclair



### Message from the President, Clan Sinclair Canada

#### Looking forward to gathering in person this year

Well here we are at the end of February. Although we still have weeks of winter left the weather the past days have been milder, the sunshine seems warmer, so perhaps spring is not that far off. And we all hope that spring will bring good news on the pandemic front.

Provinces to varying degrees are relaxing restrictions so let's hope that will not be premature. The so-called 'Freedom Convoy' protests in Ottawa and at the US border are distressing. I find it difficult to understand how these people think this is going to help defeat the real enemy, which is Covid.

I had the honour of attending the St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg's dinner in Winnipeg last November. It was held at the Fort Garry Hotel and marked the 150th anniversary of the Society. Our table was hosted by our very own Luke Settee with Lorne and Sharon Sinclair, Dana Johnson Gardiner, Gladys Gardiner, Dougald Lamont, the Manitoba Liberal Party Leader, and myself. The event was also attended by Premier Heather Stefanson.

Our Caithness friend, John Thurso in his role as Chair of Visit Scotland, gave congratulatory remarks via video and of course invited everyone to visit Scotland once the pandemic subsides.

Luke and I sent letters of congratulations to Justice Murray Sinclair and Elder Ruth Christie on behalf of Clan Sinclair for their Order of Canada appointments. Justice Sinclair is a well-known national figure who has recently retired from the Senate. He has been a leading voice in Canada on Indigenous issues and was Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He has been named as a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Ruth Christie was named a Member of the Order of



L-R: Lorne Sinclair, Sharon Sinclair, Wilma Harrison, Luke Settee, and Roger Sinclair

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Canada "for her contributions to Indigenous history in Manitoba, and her mentorship as a storyteller and knowledge keeper". She had previously been named to the Order of Manitoba .

I want to thank Rory and Mary for the invitation to join them in their home (virtually) for a wonderful evening of music in celebration of Robbie Burns on January 25th. They were handsomely decked out in their finest Scottish wear. It is not quite the same as being with them in person to enjoy the music and fellowship (not to mention Rory's fine single malts) but it's the next best thing.

Finally, some of you have been inquiring about our daughter Abigail's singing career. She will be graduating this spring from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance. She has been accepted into the Masters program of Music Performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London for next fall. It will be an exciting time for her as there is a vibrant academic and performance music community in London.

I want to thank editor Joan for her great work on Roslin O' Roslin. Please forward to Joan or George or myself any stories or news that would be of interest in future editions.

I look forward to a time soon when we can gather together.

Yours aye,

Roger



President Roger Sinclair and his daughter Abigail



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# Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games



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We look forward to seeing you at our next [Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games!](#)



# Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival



Dear Clan Member:

As Co-Chairman of the Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival, I would like to invite you to consider having a clan tent at our 16th Annual Games to be held June 17-19, 2022. This is a special year for us as we host the 22nd annual Masters World Championships in Scottish Heavy athletics. We expect to have over 180 athletes competing from 12 different countries (including New Brunswick's own World Champion Dirk Bishop coming out of retirement), the usual piping & drumming competitions, Highland Dance competition, artists and artisans, displays, interactive events, a craft beer and whiskey market, and world-class musical entertainment all 3 days, headlined by none other than The Barra MacNeils.

Clans are desperately needed to help make this a true success, and we hope that you will consider being a part of this exciting event. Clan Alley will be set up for 2 days (Saturday and Sunday) of the event. There is no charge to have a tent in our Clan Alley, and we welcome one and all to take part. If you are unable to attend yourselves, but have a Clan member closer to our event who may be willing to represent your Clan, please reach out to them. Also, if you could share the link to our event with your membership, that would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to see you in June.

Slainte!

Steve

Stephen Tweedie, Co-Chairman

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# Treasure Trove of Music - Ken McGoogan

*Editor's note: Ken McGoogan book Flight of Highlanders was reviewed by Wayne MacGregor Parker in our Spring 2021 Newsletter available on our [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca) site. CASSOC also sponsored Ken as a key speaker for the Scottish North American Community Conference in 2020.*

When he is not locked down by a pandemic, Ken McGoogan is a globe-trotting Canadian writer who survived shipwreck off Dar es Salaam, chased the ghost of Lady Franklin from Russell Square to Van Diemen's Land, and placed a John Rae memorial plaque in the High Arctic. Ken has published fifteen books -- six histories, five biographies, three novels, and one ghosted work. His best-selling titles include Dead Reckoning, Celtic Lightning, Fatal Passage, 50 Canadians Who Changed the World, How the Scots Invented Canada, Lady Franklin's Revenge, and Flight of the Highlanders. More about Ken is available at <http://www.kenmcgoogan.com/>

Ken started writing songs in the Sixties. When he went on the road, hitchhiking and riding freights from Montreal to San Francisco, he brought his guitar. Over the years, he performed sporadically at coffee shops in Montreal, Haight-Ashbury, Vancouver, and Calgary.

In the Nineties, after fronting a house band in Calgary for a couple of years, he formed a trio with pianist Frank "Freeman" Huether and percussionist Fred Engle. While performing around town as Ken McGoogan and the Immoral Minority, he wrote the Greatest Hits featured here.

For Ken's music visit <http://kenmcgoogan.dev.authorbyteshosting.com/songs/>

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# Member Activities Support Program



The board of CASSOC is pleased to announce the launch of a Member Group Activities Support Program. A Member Program Fund is being established each year to support activities that a member group is participating in. For the duration of the 2022 Fiscal year this amount is \$2,500.

**In simple terms subject to limits, principles and availability of funds, a member group may request some matching funds for their support in a Not-For-Profit activity that promotes Scottish Culture and Heritage.**

Specifics of the motion approving this are:

- The distribution of the monies in the fund will be in accordance with the board approved policy for the fund or, if lacking clarity for it, specific decisions by the board for the distribution.
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- There is no obligation on the part of CASSOC to provide any funds and the decision to do so or not, whether by board or committee, is binding upon both the applying member(s) and CASSOC

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- Any funding will require approval of at least 50% of the Board members.
- Fund total to be \$2,500 as available funds for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
- Designated as matching funds up to a total of \$250 per application for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
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- Inclusion of CASSOC's banner and other means of showing CASSOC support in media and during the activity
- Provision of an expected expenses budget to substantiate the fund request
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- Payment only after funds disbursement, the end of the activity, and the provision of receipts
- Provision of a post-event summary of the activity
- Provision of an article and photos for the An Drochaid newsletter
- The summary and the article should explain the success of the event and how CASSOC's support aided such.

Your board recognizes that, as a new initiative, there will be previously unknown aspects and challenges for the program for us to work through. Please provide your thoughts on this to us by email to [programs@cassoc.ca](mailto:programs@cassoc.ca).

A formal application form and process is being developed and hopefully available by the upcoming spring meeting.

In the meantime, please contact us at [programs@cassoc.ca](mailto:programs@cassoc.ca) to apply or discuss opportunities for your group.

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Wishing you a safe and happy New Year,

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# Clan Gregor



## Greetings

We Scots and Irish, and especially we MacGregors, are no strangers to privation, persecution and displacement. Our history is replete with heartrending stories of destruction and loss of life at the hands of those willing to use terminal force to wrest land, title and freedom from others. Over the past several weeks the tragic events Ukraine have been weighing heavy and brought to mind parallels from the past. Sadly, it seems like the human race is destined to be in this endless loop of self-serving ambition.

When will we ever learn we ask?

Growing up in the 60's I remember controversial songs that dared to point to a different direction. Some of these have been running through my head for weeks now. Songs with words like:

*How many times must the cannonballs fly before they're forever banned? Yes and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows that too many people have died? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.*

Bob Dylan

*Go ahead and hate your neighbor, go ahead and cheat a friend. Do it in the name of heaven, you can justify it in the end. There won't be any trumpets blowing come the judgement day. In the bloody morning after, one tin soldier walks away.*

Dennis Lambert and Brian Potter

*I dreamed I saw a mighty room filled with women and men and the paper they were signing said they'd never fight again. And when the paper was all signed and a million copies made, they all joined hands and bowed their heads and grateful prayers were prayed. And the people in the streets below were dancing 'round and 'round, while swords and guns and uniforms were scattered on the ground.*

*Last night I had the strangest dream I'd never dreamed before. I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war.*

Pete Seeger

Hope rests in the heart. As we sort through the painful daily news let's be sure to take the time to speak with our children and friends of the importance of principals, values and choices that lead us away from human suffering. Our Celtic ancestors sought a new life in a new world away from oppression. They bravely risked all to build on the hope of a better world. May it be said of us as we navigate through the issues facing our world in crisis.

And now, turning to news of interest to the membership of CASSOC, the Clan Gregor Society Canada Chapter is pleased to report that we here in the land of the Maple Leaf have had an encouraging year end and start to the new year. In spite of C19 malaise, and only one small games outing in the past two years, we continue to grow. I give Chapter Council and co-Editors Bill Petrie and Sylvie Theriault a lot of credit for this uptick as a result of the quality and presence they bring to our periodic Maple

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Leaf MacGregor newsletter.

In the absence of physical outings, we have still been able to keep our name and Society out front during the pandemic. Ironically, while we have no empirical evidence, we suspect lockdowns and restrictions have given people time to pursue latent interests in genealogy and heritage.

During this time the Society in Scotland completed a major remake of the Clan Gregor website (<https://www.clangregor.com/>) and a new inquiry process that points seekers to our many Chapters around the world. No doubt these changes have helped as well. Interestingly, a growing number of these are gift memberships provided by family members for their father or mother, or conversely, parents for their daughters or sons. Invariably, when queried the answer comes back that they, “....want them to know of their heritage and where they came from.”

These types of memberships are becoming increasingly popular and I believe some careful thought put into marketing and pricing gift memberships or referrals by an existing member might prove to be useful in recruiting new members in the future. When searching roots, we're all just a few clicks away and this presence has enabled us to grow. I'd be interested in hearing if other Clans have had similar experiences.

The Clan Gregor Society had planned to hold an International Gathering this year in our clan lands to celebrate the leading role MacGregors played in the 1822 royal march engineered by Sir Walter Scott in Edinburgh. Readers of the Bridge may recall this story from a past issue. However, C19 caused this reunion to be moved ahead to the summer of 2023 or even 2024. We are tentatively on hold for this and awaiting news.

For obvious reasons, (some noted above!) availability, logistics, deposit requirements and lead time for decisions is strained and making planning a real challenge. While this is essentially for Gregors and those of that ilk, all are welcome so be sure to check [mapleleafmacgregor.ca](http://mapleleafmacgregor.ca) for updates.

We are buoyed by the thought of the reopening of our games season and the chance to once again meet up with our clansmen/women and old friends to share the crack and a wee doch and dorrie.

Yours aye,

*Wayne MacGregor Parker*

Chair, Clan Gregor Society Canada Chapter

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Chapter Chair with a new MacGregor

# Declaration of Arbroath - Arbroath Abbey



The Abbey grounds, Arbroath, Scotland - (Photo Credits: Jo Ann Tuskin)

## ARBROATH ABBEY

Arbroath Abbey, in the Scottish town of Arbroath, was founded in 1178 by King William the Lion for a group of Tironensian Benedictine monks from Kelso Abbey. It was consecrated in 1197 with a dedication to the deceased Saint Thomas Becket, whom the king had met at the English court. It was William's only personal foundation — he was buried before the high altar of the church in 1214.

The last Abbot was Cardinal David Beaton, who in 1522 succeeded his uncle James to become Archbishop of St Andrews. The Abbey is cared for by Historic Scotland and is open to the public throughout the year (entrance charge). The distinctive red sandstone ruins stand at the top of the High Street in Arbroath.

King William gave the Abbey independence from its mother church and endowed it generously; in-

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# Declaration of Arbroath - Arbroath

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cluding income from 24 parishes, land in every royal burgh and more. The Abbey's monks were allowed to run a market and build a harbour. King John of England gave the Abbey permission to buy and sell goods anywhere in England (except London) toll-free.

The Abbey, which was the richest in Scotland, is most famous for its association with the 1320 Declaration of Arbroath, believed to have been drafted by Abbot Bernard, who was the Chancellor of Scotland under King Robert I.

Part of the Declaration reads: "For so long as a hundred of us shall remain alive, we will never on any condition, be subjected to the lordship of the English. For we fight not for glory, nor riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone, which no man gives up, except with his life."

These inspirational lines were included in the Declaration of Independence sent to Pope John XXII by Robert the Bruce and "The whole community of the realm of Scotland", enunciating a constitutional monarchy.

From Wikipedia.com



## The Declaration of Arbroath

On Oct 21, 2010, The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official languages, announced that the Government of Canada will officially recognize April 6 as Tartan Day

This year is the 702nd Anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath!

## Clan Munro Association of Canada

### President's Pen Spring 2022



Dear Cousins,

We live in interesting times. I read yesterday that the average cost of energy for households has risen to £5,000 per annum in the UK. And don't let's think about the impending food crisis. It's a good thing I like lentils and beans!

Oh, I almost forgot, don't mention the war! Or climate change, for that matter...

But as I've written in previous letters, we humans are a resilient bunch and by the time you read this, there may well be peace in Ukraine. In times of misery, we have a great capacity

for boundless compassion. For instance, while Westminster drags its heels, the wee town of Aberfeldy in Perthshire with its population of 2,000 got into the headlines recently for making it their mission to open their doors wide to refugees.

I notice in later pages of this edition of The Beacon, an English translation of The Declaration of Arbroath is provided in celebration of Tartan Day on 6th April, the date the Declaration was published in 1320. The similarity of intent contained in the Declaration and the defiant statements from Ukraine's President Zelensky. These cries for the right for people to govern themselves and for freedom are clearly timeless. I sincerely hope we all come through this difficult time, healthier and happier.



Aberfeldy – The Highlands of Scotland, Travel Guide 2022

I am also pleased to see the invitation from our American Cousins to join them in California for their October Gathering. I will try to make it as I'm sure it will be a grand occasion.

I'd like to finish off this issue's letter with a heartfelt wish for good health and happiness to all of you and best wishes for a spring filled with hope and goodwill

Yours Aye,



# Clan Munro - The Origin of Tartan Day



## Origins of Tartan Day

Tartan Day is a North American celebration of Scottish heritage on 6 April, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. It originated in Canada in the mid-1980s. It spread to other communities of the Scottish diaspora in the 1990s. In Australia the similar International Tartan Day is held on 1 July, the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan.

Tartan Days typically have parades of pipe bands, Highland dancing and other Scottish-themed events.

## Origins

On 9 March 1986, a 'Tartan Day' to promote Scottish heritage in Canada was proposed at a meeting of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia. Jean Watson, President of Clan Lamont, petitioned provincial legislatures to recognize 6 April as Tartan Day. The first such proclamation was by Nova Scotia in April 1987. On 19 December 1991, in response to action initiated by the Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada, the Ontario Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming 6 April as Tartan Day, following the example of other Canadian provinces.

Meeting in 1997 in Sarasota, Florida, the Scottish Coalition USA looked to see Tartan Day recognized in the US as it was being observed in Canada. In 1998, the efforts of the Scottish Coalition with the leading help of Trent Lott saw the United States Senate Resolution adopt April 6 as National Tartan Day. This led in turn to the Congressional and then Presidential passing of the recognition of Tartan Day Observance on 6 April each year.

In **Australia**, wearing tartan on 1 July has been encouraged since 1989. The day has been promoted as International Tartan Day in Australia since 1996 and has been formally recognized by some states, but not at national level.

## Canada

About 15.1% or 4.7 million Canadians claim Scottish descent. As stated above, Tartan Day (French: Journée du Tartan) in Canada originated with a proposal from the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia and has since been proclaimed by all the provincial legislatures. In Oct. 21, 2010, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced that the Government of Canada will now officially recognize April 6 as Tartan Day nationally.

The 2011 celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa marked the first time that Tartan Day was celebrated with Canada's official tartan having been named: the Maple Leaf.

*Some Information from Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tartan_Day)*



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## Montreal Saint-Patrick's parade 2022

In early March, Clan Logan was contacted by The Montreal Saint Andrew's Society regarding the Saint Patrick's Day parade. The United Irish Societies of Montreal decided to go ahead with the event after a two year break due to the current pandemic.

They decided that a few groups could participate on a limited basis, that there would be no floats to limit crowds and that it would start early in the morning, 9:30 am.

This year, the parade was on Sunday March 20th, 2020. Despite the fact it was much earlier than in previous years, we were well taken care of by the Irish community who welcomes us open arms each year. It was a little cold and wet due to rain but a very kind wandering Irishman gave us a coffee to warm us up bless his soul.



Montrealers came to pose with Clan Logan!

Vice-President Laurent Audar could not attend this event so I called my back-up, Patrick Dionne-Kuno, our representative of Ontario. Patrick came from Ottawa to lend us a hand and proudly marched along my side holding up our banner high so everyone could see it! The parade was nice and it was fun to see our Scottish community after a few years.

After the parade, I took Patrick out on the town as he seldom visits Montreal. We went to have something to eat and visited a few key locations like Old Montreal and Chinatown. We met many people who stopped us along the way to ask us if the Saint Patrick's parade was happening..many didn't know it was early that morning! This gave us a chance to talk about Clan Logan, show the crest

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and explain the meaning behind it.

I even was able to briefly add that there were some Irish Logans..that came from Scotland and moved to Ireland in the 18th century. The Montreal Highland Games were also promoted since I act as Clans and Community Director for the second time. People were invited to attend" Clan Logan's Clans of Scotland" which will present our visiting Clans in both English and French on the day of these games, July 31st.

It was a different Saint Patrick's day but still quite entertaining. Clan Logan wishes to thank the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society for including us and giving us visibility and The United Irish Societies of Montreal for having the event and making us feel like welcomed family as they do each year.



Patrick with Clan Logan banner next to Steven Logan

## Just a guy in the woods

Hello from Shilo, Manitoba! It's a far distance from my ancestral home of Nova Scotia, but here I am as Clan Logan's Manitoba rep.

I've been interested in our Clan ever since I was wee lad back in NS listening to my father play his pipes and talk about the first member of our clan arriving in Port North, N.S ( present day Sheet Harbour) after being wounded during the American Revolution as a member of the 71st of foot( Fraser highlanders).

The stories of our shared heritage and the skirl of the pipes awakened a deep yearning to find and connect with other people who shared my pride in calling themselves Logans. What I have discovered, while not as big as the other highland clans, We Logans hit the new world and spread like wild-fire! So many threads of a common cloth!

With Covid restrictions lifting and the summer months approaching I hope to begin to raise our banner high and representing our proud Clan at piping events and highland games that I can attend.

Hoc Majorum Virtus

Brionne Logan

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## Black Watch Veteran's Association 2022 Levée

This year, The Black Watch Veteran's Association did not give up on doing events. Although the pandemic is preventing people from getting together and has somewhat worsened with the arrival of the Omicron variant, they have still set up a Zoom event to celebrate the New Year. Around Christmas, they had also done a social for their members, proof that they are very in tune with their member's needs in these difficult times.

A levée, is a social event hosted on New year's day by military establishments, municipalities and other institutions. It allows people to come together, mingle and exchange and share various news. I had the pleasure to meet up with various friends and acquaintances and have light easy conversation without the formalities of a real meeting. Past President Rick Cartmel was there and so were a few regular members such as Vicki Onufriu, who hosts at the Montreal Highland Games with me in the genealogy section. Vicki has always been a firm supporter of Clan Logan through the years going way back to our first Highland Games in Montreal in 2015. Hard to believe that June 2022 will mark the 7th anniversary of The Clan Logan Society of Canada. President Gord Richie was also there to see if everyone is doing alright starting this new Year and to find out what our plans were.



Former President Rick Cartmel greets members



Gord Richie speaks to participants

What a great way to start 2022. Clan Logan feels privileged to be an active member of The Black watch Veteran's Association as this gives us insight on what matters, how we can participate, help and make our own difference.

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## Hogman-eh! '21 Reconnect and Rejoice

On December 31st, 2021, Clan Logan attended the much awaited Hogman-eh! Reconnect and rejoice event was held by the Ottawa Scottish Society. It's no secret that 2021 hasn't been the best year and we were really looking forward to an uplifting event we would always remember. It was widely advertised and emails were sent to the Scottish community. A blog post on their website offered additional content and Clan Logan was mentioned taking part in their Clans and Societies corner. We were extremely moved and grateful for the consideration and visibility given in these difficult times. The Ottawa Scottish Society delivered Hogmanay in a big way this year.

They managed to get an impressive line up of very talented performers that knew how to make us proud of our Celtic roots and promote our Scottish traditions helping us ring in 2022. This free event had something for everyone. The talented Bobby Watt was the MC for the evening and even offered us a performance. We also greatly enjoyed the music done by the ladies of the Fem Fiddle fest and The Glengarry Pipe band.



Scotch River Fiddles were heard at the event!

This event explained what is Hogmanay, offered us some poetry and also gave us beautiful, breathtaking Scottish landscapes to see, and castles. There was a great mix of traditional and modern musical influences like the red Hot Chili Pipers, Elephant Session, the Proclaimers, Michael Yellowlees and even Allan Frew and Sam Reid of Glass Tiger. This event required a lot of time, thought and organization. It ended on the most fantastic note, that of seeing Edinburgh's Hogmanay Midnight Moment Fireworks call in the New Year.



Allan Frew and Sam Reid of Glass Tiger perform My Town

So many people came together and we warmly thank The Ottawa Scottish Society and all partners for making it happen. Clan Logan looks forward to participating in other events and bringing its own contribution. We hope to participate with the Ottawa Scottish community in the future as they have more than adequately prepared us for 2022.

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Event call by the TBWA

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## **4th annual Red Hackle event**

On January 16th, 2021, I had the pleasure to attend the Red hackle event held by the Toronto Black Watch Association. I had always wanted to attend it in the past but time and circumstances never made it happen. This year it was virtual so it gave me an opportunity to participate for Clan Logan, the Black Watch Family Division and Veteran's Association.

Attendees could log on a little earlier for a social before the event took off which was refreshing. William Carlisle, TBWA President, greeted everyone that came. The number of attendees gradually went up to 76 but we were much more because some people were together in their family units so it is estimated that attendance was in the 150 range. Although this was the 94th annual edition, it was only the second time they really had an event like this one. We were able to mingle and see many friends and acquaintances that we would usually meet up with at real events.

Lt.Col.Bruno Plourde spoke about The Trail which supports veterans and first responders who are homeless, have mental issues and need assistance. It acts as a bridge between various Veteran associations. Bruno gave us a presentation that was very passionate. Lieutenant Colonel Morische,CD made the toast to The Queen and there was one for Prince Charles, who is the Commander and Chief of The Black Watch Regiment of Canada. There was a very touching moment when Chief Warrant Officer Anthony Jones, MMM, CD, offered the tribute to fallen comrades. The head of table was presented

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and LGen Guy Thibault (Retd), CMM, MSC, CD spoke about Respect Forum, an initiative that helps the trail by helping veterans of our Armed Forces, RCMP, Emergency Medical services and Fire services who have suffered both physically and mentally as a result of their service and who are too often forgotten and unsupported in their time of need.

This event had lots of entertainment.

We enjoyed an event call given by the Black watch Pipes and Drums Association and an excellent address to a Haggis given by Sgt MCKenzie-Mardelli.



Shawn Brady sings Piano man



Steven Logan attends

We were also pleasantly surprised hearing singer Shawn Brady offer us a few hits like Piano Man and concluding the event on a Social for those who wanted to stay longer.

We would like to thank the Toronto Black watch Association for offering us an event we will always remember.



Click [here](#) for download of the latest issue, April 2022, of the Scottish Banner.

We hope your membership enjoys our content and we invite all Scottish community organisations to keep us posted on their news or events ([Submit an event](#) | [The Scottish Banner](#)) for future editions.

Some of this edition's content will also be available on our website throughout the month at: [www.scottishbanner.com/category/article/](http://www.scottishbanner.com/category/article/)

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# Scottish North America Community Conference - 2022



20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
**SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**  
OCTOBER 21-23, 2022



**The Scottish North American Community Conference will return  
October 21st – 23rd, 2022 in New York, in person and online.**

The 20th Anniversary SNACC Conference will be hosted by the ASF,  
a founding member of SNACC organizing committee.

The theme for SNACC 2022:

*‘How do we in North America express our Scottishness?’*

The SNACC Executive Committee look forward to sharing details soon.

Visit our website at <https://scottishleadershipconference.com/>

If you would like to join our mailing list please email us at [snaccevent@gmail.com](mailto:snaccevent@gmail.com)





## Highland GAMES AND FESTIVALS

Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada is now listed on the US website

<http://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/>

Please check them out and certainly submit an event or  
add your clan/society to their list.

To submit an event visit:

<http://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/submit-your-event/>

To see Scottish Heritage Societies visit:

<http://highlandgamesandfestivals.com/get-involved/>

There you'll find instructions on how add or update a listing.

# Clan Ramsay



## Newest member of Clan Ramsay?

Then one-month-old Elliott English, great grandson of Clan President Dick McGraw, pictured with Elliott's mother, Mary English, Dick's granddaughter.

Elliott was born December 11, 2021.



## David Ramsay's Trial by Combat

Dick McGraw and I were discussing interesting facts about Clan Ramsay. I mentioned that I thought that I remembered many years ago seeing a description of a Ramsay being involved in a trial by combat, that was one of the last held. With interest in trials of combat sparked by the bloody French affair portrayed in the movie "The Last Duel", I decided to investigate. After a long search, deep in my files, I found a copy of an old newspaper article on the history of Clan Ramsay. The newspaper, author, and date are not on the copy, but the format would indicate that it is very old.

It stated that in the reign of Charles I, David Ramsay, a chieftain of the Fifeshire branch of the Clan became involved in an affair that made history. David Ramsay, a soldier of fortune was accused of treason by the McKay Clan Chief, Donald McKay. That King Charles revived the old custom of settling a point of honor by trial by combat. That this was the last trial by Combat was ever practiced, even though there was no decision in the joust.

On further investigation this is not entirely correct. A search found the best description is in the "History of The House and Clan McKay" by Dr. Robert McKay published in 1829. There are variations in other references that cite other sources. Most of the descriptions are based on the same few references.

The actual event occurred when the Marquis of Hamilton and Donald McKay (Lord Reay) were both providing soldiers to fight for the King of Sweden in the European Wars. David Ramsay was a lieutenant to Hamilton. He was sent to Sweden by Hamilton to raise money to hire troops. Gilbert Gordon in "Sir Roberts History" stated that Ramsay was "a man of a daring insolent spirit". McKay (Lord Reay)

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was also in Sweden raising money for troops. Ramsay had several meetings with McKay at various places in Europe. During discussions of the hiring and use of the soldiers, Ramsay mentioned that Hamilton's troops could be sent to England instead of to Europe. McKay assumed by the tone of the discussions, the troops would be used to overthrow King Charles, since Hamilton had a claim to the Crown.

In the History of Clan McKay there is a long description of the actual conversations. When back in England, McKay asked Lord Ochiltree, for his opinion. Ochiltree, an enemy of Hamilton, informed the court without McKay's knowledge. McKay then accused Ramsay of treason. Ramsay was recalled from Europe by the King for trial.

There are different opinions as to who made the challenge for a trial by combat. The most likely would appear to be that the charge of treason was to be tried in the courts. That David Ramsay decided that his best chance for acquittal would be to use the old almost forgotten code of setting points of honor by trial of combat. He challenged McKay and McKay accepted. A High Court of Chivalry was formed with the Earl of Lindsay appointed as the Lord Constable. The Marischal Court was held with the King in attendance.

The trial by combat was ordered to be set for 12 April 1632 at Tuthill fields in Westminster. One account says the weapons were set as a long sword, a short sword, a pike, and a dagger. The King later changed the date to 17 May and confined both Ramsay and McKay in the Tower of London to keep the peace. Before the trial of combat could be held, the King canceled the duel, and pardoned both Ramsay and McKay.



*Submitted by Carl Bailey (above)*

Sources I found, list two different reasons for the cancellation. The first is that the King thought both men were equally at fault, and the other is that Ramsay confessed. Ramsay was sent back to the European wars where he attained the rank of Colonel. McKay remained a strong supporter of King Charles, but never recovered from the affair. He was never repaid the loans he made. Professor Hume Brown considers the questions and motivations about the actual events are one of the great mysteries to be found in Scottish history.

The most intriguing questions are the role played by King Charles, and why neither man was punished. Perhaps the most lasting memory of the event is the bagpipe Piobareachd tune "The Lament of Donald Duaghal McKay", which was inspired by the affair.

# Clan Ramsay : Do I Need a DNA Test to Confirm My Pedigree?

## Do I Need a DNA Test to Confirm My Pedigree?

The short answer is, “No.” Genealogical research has been going on for centuries, long before DNA was discovered. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) was an early pioneer in family tree research and documentation. A Pedigree “paper trail” documenting one’s ancestors is a requirement for membership in most heritage organizations, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of America, Society of the Cincinnati, to name a few.

So, why all the interest in DNA Tests? Well, just about everyone is curious about where their family came from and who their ancestors are. Unfortunately, families with well documented family trees that go back more than three or four generations are quite rare. That is where DNA testing can be helpful. The results can link you to other “cousins” that you didn’t know existed and those “cousins”, in some cases, can have documented research that will help you fill in the blanks in your family tree.

### The Potential Upside

I have known for years that my Ulster Scot immigrant, Robert Ramsey, had two sons, James, and William, that moved “over the mountain” to what is now the State of Tennessee. There are thousands of James and Williams in our data base, many with similar birth and death dates. How do you determine which ones are related to you? One answer is a DNA Test. It turns out the DNA from one of the Tennessee descendants of James and William are a close match to me. Overnight, my family tree doubled in size and my Tennessee cousins found out who their immigrant ancestor was.

There are many DNA Testing Services, Family Tree DNA, Ancestry DNA, 23 and Me DNA, to name a few. All have documented similar successful family tree success stories like mine.

### The Potential Downside

Different companies have different privacy policies concerning sharing data. Once the testing companies have your DNA results, the shared data can result in unexpected and sometimes unwanted results. There are many stories of individuals submitting a DNA test thinking they descended from one family, to find out from the test results that due to an unknown adoption, or other “unsanctioned liaison” in their family’s past, they descend from an entirely different family. For some this knowledge is an interesting development, for others it can be devastating.

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# Clan Ramsay : Do I Need a DNA Test to Confirm My Pedigree?

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In addition, detectives in law enforcement organizations have used DNA data from testing companies to identify and track down criminals that left a DNA sample at the scene of the crime. It was not necessary for the perpetrator to have taken a DNA test; in many cases, the incriminating DNA had been submitted by a close relative doing family tree research.

## **To Test or Not to Test**

Using a DNA test to help focus your family tree research and can save lots of time by minimizing dead end research, but one must be aware that there are both potential upsides and potential downsides to using this valuable research tool.

If your you, or any of your documented ancestors, already appear in a family tree data base that has previously been DNA tested, investing in another DNA test may not be worth the money.

## **Want to know more about DNA testing?**

DNA research is full of terms like autosomal, mitochondrial, Y-chromosome DNA tests, Haplogroups and SNP's. If you have 2 hours and want to learn more about the differences, there is an interesting and informative presentation on YouTube you may find interesting. The road to Scotland is paved with DNA.

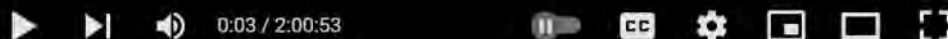
*Submitted by John Ramsay*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxWkM0e9-7s>

Click below to view Video

## **THE ROAD TO SCOTLAND IS PAVED WITH DNA**

**KEITH MACGREGOR, DR. MAURICE GLEESON,  
DR. ROBIN SPENCER, SUSAN MILLER**



# Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland Games



## Cobourg Highland Games Society

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We would like to extend a warm invitation (Blàth Cuireadh) to your Clan to share pride in your Heritage at the 58th Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland Games on June 17th and 18th 2022.

The Games will be held again at Victoria Park Cobourg, a lovely setting against the backdrop of the Beach on Lake Ontario. Updates regarding activities on the Friday Night June 17th, the Ceilidh, plus added activities can be found on our Facebook page, and main Website.

Please review our Web page for updated parking, and other important information.

Directions have been updated in compliance with current Insurance requirements, and By-Law regulations. (details below)

Clan tents will be in the same prime location as last year, adjacent to the main Games entrance on Queen Street. We appreciate your continued feedback, it enables us to continue to improve your experience, and the visibility of vital Clan Heritage, at our Games.

We have 3 tents available for loan, on a 'first come, first served' basis.

I will be dedicated to assist in meeting your needs from 3:00 on Friday for set-up, and all-day Saturday, and will have complimentary iced water and shortbread for you on Saturday.

To Register please complete the Form on the Website at <http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/>

If you have any questions, please contact me [tmcneill.myles1880@hotmail.com](mailto:tmcneill.myles1880@hotmail.com) or, evenings only, 289 677 8507

Sincerely, Terry Myles - Clans Representative Cobourg Highland Games Society.

Editor's Note: The following is the contents of the Clan Letter on the website as of publication of this article.

### **New Rules re Clans**

Dear Clans,

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# Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland Games

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Unfortunately we have to apply some new rules and regulations, with regard to your participation at our Games. The Town of Cobourg wants all vehicles banned from the park, except for those essential to the Event Organizer, and such vendors that need their vehicles there. This is also a safety issue, as a member of the public was hit by a vehicle leaving the park early, a couple of years ago. Fortunately, no damage was done, and the person was unhurt. This is why we ask that all participants at our Games do not leave until after the Closing Ceremonies.

Anyone who wants to park their vehicle in Victoria Park must have a minimum of \$2 million, 3rd party, liability insurance, naming both the Town of Cobourg and the Cobourg Highland Games, as co-insured.

We can offer you reserved parking on Queen Street but you will have to pay a \$10.00 fee (and reserve well before the Games), as we have to pay the Town to use those spots. These spots are taken up quickly, by our volunteers and vendors. The other alternative is free parking on the side streets to the east of the park.

We understand that this may present a problem to some of you, but we are working with local youth organizations to see if we can have them help you bring your equipment into the park, from the gates. Terry Myles will be able to help with his Pick-up truck, as he is covered by our insurance, and is able to have his vehicle in the park. We will also help you leave after the Closing Ceremonies.

Another point raised, is the selling of goods, without our permission or insurance. Some of our regular vendors have also complained that they have to pay us a fee, and have insurance, to sell their wares, and the Clans sell T-Shirts etc., without having any of these costs. Sorry, but you can no longer sell anything, unless you are willing to pay a vendor's fee, and have the appropriate insurance.

**The fine for being caught by the By-Law officer is up to \$500.00.**

We are sorry that we have had to take these steps, but several times Clans have left early, even moving our fence at times, to get out early. If a Clan member leaving early, had happened to hit someone, we would have been sued, since the Clans are not insured at our Games.

Our policy is that any participant at our Games, stay until after the Closing Ceremonies.

Sincerely,

George Cackette  
President,  
Cobourg Highland Games Society.

# New Traditional Scottish Music

## Traditional Scottish Music



**Scottish composer Kenneth I MacKenzie announces atmospheric new traditional album *Glendrian***

**Out Friday 11 February 2022 | Caberfeidh Music**

Multi-instrumentalist and composer Kenneth I MacKenzie has announced the release of a new Scottish traditional music album inspired by the history and landscape of the Highlands.

Out on **Friday 11 February 2022**, **Glendrian** takes its listeners on a journey through north-west Scotland, from Sanna to Uist.

The album's title track takes its name from a depopulated settlement in Ardnamurchan – a peninsula in Lochaber and area with family connections for Kenny. The lament's poignant pipes reflect the hardship and poverty people experienced in Glendrian living off the land and the sea.

Elsewhere, slow low whistle tunes pay tribute to some of the names and faces of the Highlands and Islands, including Lexie a'chook, named after Lexie McNiven, daughter of 'Norman the cook' from Isle of Berneray on North Uist, and Marie MacKenzie's Welcome to Caberfeidh, which was composed by Kenny for his wife Marie after her first visit to his family house in Sanna.

The vast majority of tunes on **Glendrian** were composed by Kenny, while respected composer and musical director **Will Marshall** lent his valued creative input on the arrangements. The album boasts a stellar bill of Scottish folk talent, with Kenny's whistle, Highland pipes, digital chanter and harmonica and Will's piano and accordion accompanied by Marie Fielding on fiddle, **Tom Oakes** on guitar and flute and **Rory Grindlay** on drums.

Kenny inherited a love for the harmonica from his father, Ian, and this respect for the instrument comes into full focus in the atmospheric Sunset on Sunart. The air perfectly captures the treasured experience of watching the light slowly sink after a long summer day in Scotland.

The album also features a specially composed tune for the legendary Gaelic singer and TV personality **Alasdair Gillies MBE**, penned by Kenny after Alasdair received his MBE in 2018. The tune has become popular with pipers, pipe bands and other trad session players in recent years.

Recorded here for the first time, it features harmonica maestro **Donald Black**, Kenny on digital chanter and the man himself on guest vocals urging listeners to 'take the floor'.

With his musical roots in world-class pipe bands, Kenny has been involved in Scottish traditional music since the age of 14. Highlights of his far-reaching musical career include performing on Toyota

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Pipes and Drums' Amazing Grace album – one of the bestselling pipe band albums of all time – and playing around the world including in Denmark, Norway, Russia, Hong Kong and the US.

He has graced stages including The Barrowland Ballroom, supporting The Waterboys, and Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall, where he played Irish composer Shaun Davy's masterpiece The Pilgram with the City of Glasgow Pipes and Drums and the Glasgow Philharmonic Orchestra under conductor Iain Sutherland.

Among his many influential compositions are The Men of the Clyde, written as a tribute to the shipyard workers of the River Clyde and Oor Wullie – Scotland's Oldest Wee Boy, which was reproduced by 'Stuart 'Woody' Wood (Bay City Rollers) and Gordon Campbell and features on their albums, Oor Wullie Sing a long Favourite and A Big Bucket full o' tunes.

Kenny MacKenzie said: *"I've spent the last few years composing the tunes featured on this album. To my delight, many of them seemed to resonate with trad music fans and fellow musicians online over lockdown and it spurred me on to record this collection of material – my first album in almost 20 years.*

*"Music and a love of playing is at the heart of Glendrian and it's been a joy to play in my own style and to create and share new tunes that cherish a traditional feel. The harmonica is a big part of this album, and it feels wonderful to incorporate this instrument throughout.*

*"From a love of the Scottish Highlands and Western Isles to applauding the one and only Alasdair Gillies, I think there's something quite special about these tunes that I hope other Scottish music enthusiasts enjoy."*

The album was recorded in autumn 2021 by engineer and producer **Garry Boyle** at Slate Room Studio in Pencaitland.

**Glendrian** will be available to buy on CD from [www.caberfeidhmusic.co.uk](http://www.caberfeidhmusic.co.uk) on Friday 11 February 2022. Also, the album can be purchased as a digital download at [caberfeidhmusic.bandcamp.com](http://caberfeidhmusic.bandcamp.com)

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# Red Deer Highland Games



*Please welcome our new member and join in their joy with this announcement about their June 25th, 2022 event.*

**We are excited to announce that the Red Deer Highland Games is back and celebrating our 75th Anniversary!**

It is one of Red Deer's oldest, continuously running events!

The Red Deer Highland Games has been held in Red Deer since 1947, and are known as the kickoff to the Highland Season in Central Alberta. The Highland Games are an integral part of our community identity and a well-loved event at the start of the summer.

The event continues to be hosted and organized by a team of dedicated and caring volunteers.

There are numerous activities designed to create an exciting and fun day for those of Celtic Heritage, and for those who'd like to be!

For more details visit:

<https://www.reddeerhighlandgames.com/>

[A clan registration form is available by clicking here](#)



# Red Deer Highland Games



The Red Deer Highland Games is a celebration of Scottish culture in the heart of Alberta. Once every year the dancers fling, the drums beat strong, the bagpipes sing, and the heavies throw long for the Red Deer Highland Games. Crowds flock in from near and far to take in the great spectacle and celebrate their heritage with friends, family, and like-minded folk – and they have done so for 75 years.

In 1947 the first ever Red Deer Highland Games was held, a small gathering in the old YMCA to celebrate the love of Highland Dancing that had been growing in Central Alberta for many years. Such names as Miss Jean Simm, Mrs. Martin Ellis were among the members of our first ever Executive Board of the Red Deer Highland Games Association.

Since then, we have evolved; our event is now a festival held outdoors. We went from a Highland Dancing exhibition to a fully registered and sanctioned festival – having a Piping and Drumming competition, a Dance competition, and a Heavy events competition. We have entertainment committees who focus on cultural bands, artisans, clan tents and a culturally themed market.

Over the years the Red Deer Highland Games has had many homes including the old Red Deer YMCA, the Red Deer Titan's Rugby club, Westerner Park, and this year at Harvard Park in Springbrook. While the location may change over time, many things remain the same – the incredible sights, sounds and overwhelming atmosphere.

Although many faces have come and gone, the games exist today through the combined efforts and the exceptional commitment of the many past and present board member, and our life members. Names such as Mary Martin Fink, Lee Miller, Mary Mack, Joyce Munawych (and the entire Munawych clan) and many of our Chieftains of the Day have graced the games in Red Deer –with their time, effort, and endless support.

This, our 75th year – we are honored to have our very own Dick and Donna Draves as chieftains of the Day. Dick and Donna have served the Highland community in central Alberta for decades, by being tireless volunteers and organizers of the games, as well as playing a large role in the growth and celebration of Scottish Country Dancing in Central Alberta.

The games mean so much to so many people in Central Alberta. It's a day of wonder, intrigue, beautiful sights, sounds and excitement. We look forward to seeing you at our 75th Anniversary June 25, 2022 at Harvard Park, Springbrook, Alberta.

# Georgetown Highland Games



**Dear Clans,**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to participate with your Clan at the Georgetown Highland Games, which are to be held on Saturday June 11h, 2022 at 8:30am at the Georgetown Fairgrounds located in Georgetown, Ontario. We will be celebrating our 47th year and I am excited to welcome returning Clans, along with some new faces. I will be responsible for all communications related to participating with your Clan this year.

All participating Clans should be set up by 8:30 a.m. the day of the games (Saturday) with your cars parked in the designated car park areas (directions will be provided by Marshalls on the day). No motor vehicle traffic will be allowed in the area after this time. No cars are allowed to be parked behind the tents. Clan tents need to remain intact until 4:30 pm. No cars will be allowed to come into the clan alley until that time.

“Clan Alley” and the march preceding the opening ceremonies is an important and colourful feature to the Georgetown Highland Games. There is a parade that will take place inside the park in time for the official opening at 12:30pm. This is not a very long walk and we would like to ask each of you to participate and represent your Clan. We will be lining up for the parade behind the Cheer garden at 11:30. I will be onsite to direct you all for the event.

A space (15' x 15') will be provided at no cost (without Hydro). Two general admission passes and one parking pass will be provided free of charge to each Clan. Passes will be mailed to you upon receipt of this completed application by email. The lots will be allocated on a “first-come” basis. Please signify your intentions to attend and any additional requirements on the application (disabled parking for example).

Please respond by May 14th, 2022 via an e-mail to [marcielamb@icloud.com](mailto:marcielamb@icloud.com) confirming your interest to attend. If there are any corrections to your contact information please let me know, and I will correct our records. I really look forward to meet each and every one of you in June.

Kind regards,

Marcie Lamb

**Please complete the following in an e-mail to Marcie Lamb [marcielamb@icloud.com](mailto:marcielamb@icloud.com)**

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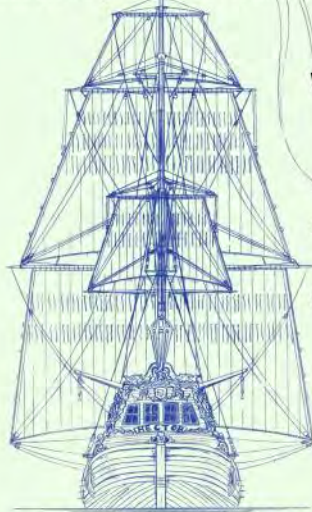
THE HECTOR  
HERITAGE QUAY  
CHARTING OUR COURSE

# Charting Our Course

February 2022

## Captain's Log

The Ship Hector is sailing into new waters with a \$75,000 donation to kickstart the Charting Our Course campaign. A Pictou County resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, has boosted the campaign with this generous donation. This contribution will go a long way toward the restoration of the replica to its original glory in time for the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Hector.



The Ship Hector Society  
Presents  
Ship "HECTOR" 2023

We have raised over \$350,000 to date and will provide monthly updates. All donations are tax deductible and can be made through our website or Ship Hector Society, Box 2015, Pictou, NS B0K1H0. Thank you for your support!

[shiphector.ca](http://shiphector.ca)



## Under the Tarps

We had some challenging weather to adapt to throughout the month but are still making good progress on our projects. Work on topsides and stanchions has been hampered by the weather. Some of the ship components have been fabricated during the times when work could not be done on the ship. The interior of the vessel has been stripped to allow for a survey of the ceiling plank and structural members. Once completed a work schedule for remediation of any defective materials will be prepared and shared.





# Clan MacRae Society of Canada



There is excitement in the air now that we can return to planning at least some Highland Games for this summer. Days are getting longer; the sun is shining more, and some flowers are starting to peep out of the ground.

For those who appreciate all things Scottish, it is almost time to get your kilts out again. The sound of the bagpipes will be a welcome sound as we, in Canada, look forward to greeting our fellow

MacRae visitors at our clan tent once again.

Clan MacRae Society of Canada has been busy lately with monthly Zoom meetings with our new President, Dave MacRae, the four Regional Vice Presidents, the Web-Master and Directors working on a new organizational structure for our Society and discussing new goals and new action items with decisions being made to ensure things run smoother for the board and for our members. It has been over twenty years since our inception in Canada and now



time to make some changes. We are all volunteers yet there has been a lot of headway made recently. We have been putting our heads together to come up with a suitable and solid structure for our Society. The Board developed a Team/Leadership structure which are the Website Team, Kintail Newsletter Team, Events Team, Membership Team, Social-Media Team, Genealogy Team with more to come. We have found that the team concept is working well for us. Insurance for the Society was also purchased so our board members and volunteers could feel somewhat more protected in this time of rampant litigation by some.

**Website & Development Team:** Consist of Sharon Graves-MacRae (Website Developer) & Bill McRae at the moment. Now we use Pay-Pal making it easier for people to join and renew dues. Mail Chimp is now being used for distribution of the newsletter to make it quicker to deliver and easier to track. Our web-master Sharon Graves-MacRae has done a wonderful job keeping any changes up to date and posting our Kintail Newsletter on the site. Sharon and Bill MacRae have reviewed, tested, and updated what was not working properly. A Cookie Claimer is being added for updating the privacy policy. Thanks Bill McRae and Sharon Graves-MacRae

**Kintail Newsletter Team:** Consist of Cynthia MacRae, Sharon Clayton, Sharon Graves MacRae (Kintail Editor) and Kirk MacRae. Our team is making sure we acquire enough articles for the newsletter. We have an editor to check for errors and put it all together while getting it out on time. Mail Chimp is now being used for distribution and tracking (thanks to Kirk MacRae); Owen MacRae will still be sending out hard copies for those requesting them. Discussions are now happening about producing a French version as well as English Newsletter. Thanks Sharon [Graves] & Kirk MacRae, Sharon Clayton, and Cynthia MacRae. Thank you to all those submitting articles and stories. We are finding that this is working well.

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**Events Team:** Consists of Barb Duff & looking for others. Now will overlook the planning of Social (AGM) events and Highland Games for those needing help. This team is still being worked on. BY-THE-WAY, this year our AGM will be planned in PEI and in person. So, get your plans made to join us around the end of July and watch our MacRae Society of Canada Facebook page or Website for the date. It will be finalized very soon.

**Membership Team:** Consists of Sharon Clayton (Membership Secretary) and Bill McRae. Pay-Pal is now being used for easier and quicker payments. Snail mail is still being used only for those requesting it. A new Vision & Mission Statement is being developed as well moving forward.

**Social Media Team:** Consists of Troy Peverley, Sharon Clayton and Owen MacRae. We are developing a more up-to-date Brochure to share with our visitors at the clan tents. We have our regular Facebook group as well as a Genealogy Facebook group for sharing ancestry and DNA info. Twitter and Instagram may also be used for Clan MacRae Society of Canada. Thanks Troy, Bill, and Owen Macrae.

**Genealogy Team:** Consists of Sharon Clayton, Joanne Monahan and Deb gemmel. They look after the Genealogy Facebook and work with MacRae DNA to get connections with others in the Society. This Facebook group has been growing very quickly and we are now getting close to 700 members. Thanks to all the team.

**Financial Team:** Allen MacRae is the treasurer. He is looking after the money flow, payments, budgeting, etc.

This year, let's get ready to fly our flags and clan banners while marching in the festival parades, get out your kilts and wear your colourful clan tartans once again. Let's show our Scottish ancestry with pride and share it with those coming to inquire and looking for information on their families.



Let those flags and banners out and prepare to walk in the parades to show our heritage.



Time to welcome our MacRae family and visitors back to our clan tents with open arms.

# Clan of the Bells



## President's Message

### *The Bell Bookshelf: A treasury for Clan Bell North America*

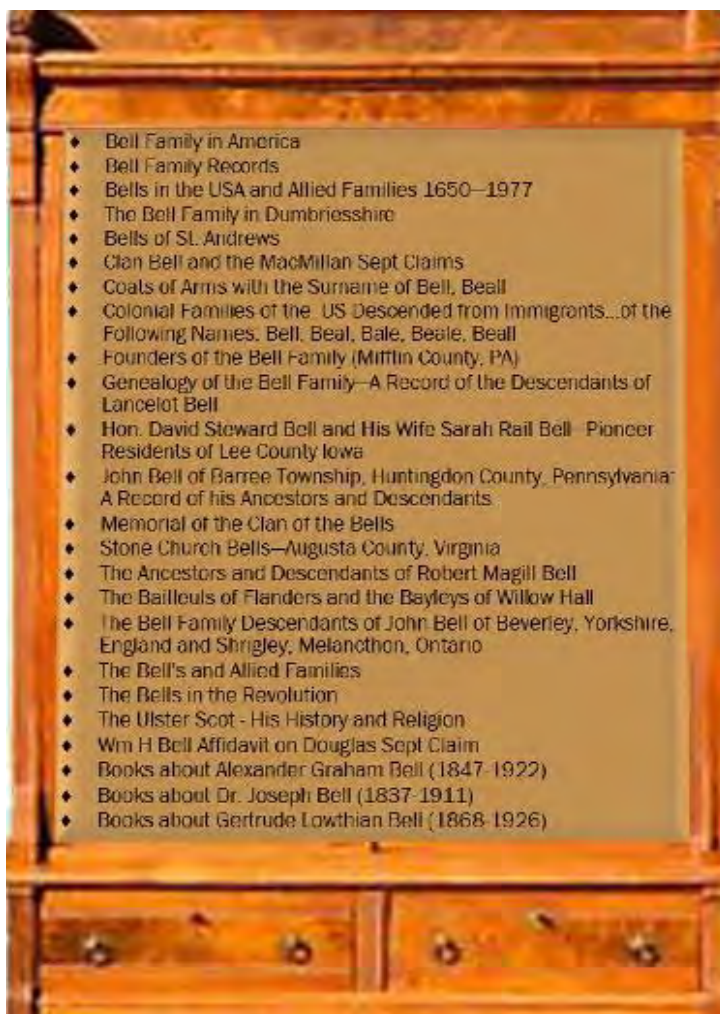
This collection of books gives the reader a wealth of genealogical and historical information about Bells from many lines and locales. Some books show the work of prominent Bells: Alexander Graham Bell, Dr. Joseph Bell, and Gertrude Lowthian Bell. The Bell Bookshelf also covers some Bell coats of arms, the cul-

ture of Scots in the Plantation of Ulster, and provides evidence to dispute various sept claims. There is also a history of older Bell families, including the Balliol and the Bayley families in Northern France.

For additional help researching their family history, members of Clan Bell North America can contact our genealogist, Larry V. Bell, by email at [FamilyTree@clanbell.org](mailto:FamilyTree@clanbell.org). For many years, Larry organized the Bell Family Reunion in Kinston, NC and will be restarting this event now that COVID restrictions are lifting. After this announcement to remind our members of this resource, he may get a lot of requests.

If you have knowledge of genealogy and want to help, we could use your help for our team of genealogists. Please roll up your sleeves and join our genealogy team to help other Bells find out more about their heritage.

The Bell Bookshelf (tm) is a dynamic collection which will continue to grow as more sources are included. The collection now has more



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than 50 books as PDF files. There are also links to online resources where copying the document might be clumsy or cause other issues. The exercise of looking for these new sources, checking their copyright status and reviewing the books has also helped me to solve a number of questions about my line of Stone Church Bells from Augusta County, VA.

As we try to answer one of life's fundamental questions about where our family comes from, the Bell Bookshelf(tm) and our genealogy team may help us unlock puzzles from our past.

Slainte mhath!

Joseph L. Bell

Stone Mountain Highland Games



Clan Bell North America Joseph L Bell and tent warrior Kather Bell and visitors



## Upcoming - History of the Kilt



At our upcoming Tartan Week meeting on April 3rd, Justin Guthrie, Co-Owner and Kilt-Maker with North of Hadrian's Kilts and Celtic Clothing, will provide a presentation on the History of the Kilt.

Justin Guthrie is a kilt-maker and co-founder of North of Hadrian's Kilts and Celtic Clothing. Since 2014 he has been helping many people discover the joy and freedom of wearing a kilt. He has helped countless people get in touch with their Celtic heritage, and his kilts have been worn on every continent except Antarctica. Since 2017 Justin has also been giving a presentation at the Victoria Highland Games on the development and evolution of the modern kilt. This interactive talk bursts many of the myths and legends surrounding kilts and tartans, and gets as close as we can to the real history of Highland wear.

For more, please visit [northofhadrians.com](http://northofhadrians.com) as well as follow them on twitter, facebook and instagram





Family of Bruce International had their Annual General Meeting on October 16, 2021 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia USA. There were seven states represented with 23 members and guests present.

This was a good year for FOBI with 321 members of which 158 are life members. There were seven first time attendees to the AGM. An e-mail was sent from Charles, Lord Bruce and Lord and Lady Elgin stating warmest wishes for the AGM. All the Officers gave their reports along with Lord Elgin's Lieutenant to the Chief and High Commissioner.

Charitable Operations Officer reported that FOBI gave many donations throughout the fiscal year.

President Don Bruce stated

*"It is so great that we come here once a year to celebrate our historic and honored family. It is so great that we carry on that tradition in the name of Bruce. I am so proud to be a Bruce and I am so proud to be a part of this family and I am so proud to call all of you kin and friends".*

**Submitted by Polly Bruce Tilford, National Secretary to FOBI**





# Kingsville Highland Games - Clan Invitation



Hello Clan Member,

We are now in the process of planning our Kingsville Highland Games for June 25, 2022, and we once again invite your Clan to participate free of charge.

Please have a look at the information sheet next page and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

[www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames](http://www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames)

Thank you,

Douglas Plumb

Chairperson

[kingsvillegames@gmail.com](mailto:kingsvillegames@gmail.com)



# Kingsville Highland Games - Clan Invitation



JUNE 25 • LAKESIDE PARK  
**Flock to Kingsville**

- PPBSO Pipe Band, Piping & Drumming Competitions Grades 1 to 5
- W&DHDA Highland Dancing Competitions
- Scottish Athletic Heavy Events Competitions
- 5K Kilted Run/Walk
- Kitchen Party Ceilidh
- Tug of War Competition
- Sheep Herding Demonstrations
- Mayor's Haggis Throw Competition
- Clan Village
- Interactive Dance Stage
- Lads & Lassies Craft Area
- 3D+ Food & Merchandise Vendors
- Parking Shuttles In-park Shuttle
- Cash Only

## CLAN REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

In 2019 after a break of more than 30 years, The Town of Kingsville hosted a very successful Highland Games with more than 6500 in attendance. More than 60 clansmen and women registered in the Clan Village, representing 7 Clans from across Ontario and the USA.

It is asked that all Registered Clans participate in the parade during the Opening Ceremonies at noon. All will be recognized and welcomed at that time.

The Kingsville Highland Games will run from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday June 25th. Clans are asked to stay on-site until at least the Closing Ceremony at 5 p.m. Vehicles will be escorted onto the site for set-up Friday evening or very early Saturday morning but vehicles will not be permitted to return for tear down. However there will be volunteers and shuttles available to assist if needed.

2 free tickets will be provided to Registered Clans. Parking will be available off-site with a shuttle back and forth to Lakeside Park throughout the day. Accessible transportation will also be available.

To register your Clan free of charge, visit our website at [www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames](http://www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames)

Contact: Rev. Colin Swan  
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# Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games



## **Tilt your kilt and book your tickets for the 2022 Fergus Scottish Festival!**

Here is the news that you have all been waiting for! The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games has announced that tickets will go on sale at 10 am on Tartan Day: Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

In January, the Festival announced that it was optimistically planning towards presenting a live event as it continues to monitor the pandemic. The Festival organizers are now thrilled to be in a position to begin ticket sales, including day and weekend admission and campsite sales.

The 2022 Fergus Scottish Festival takes place August 12 - 14th with plans to bring guests the best the Festival has to offer and will feature the four pillars: Heavy Events, Highland Dance, Clans & Heritage, and Pipes & Drums. This year, the Festival is excited to welcome back the Red Hot Chili Pipers. They will be performing Friday, August 12, following the traditional Festival Tattoo.

Hosting the first live event since the start of the pandemic, the Festival Board of Directors noted that the priority continues to be the safety of guests, volunteers, competitors, performers, clans, sponsors, and community so that they can enjoy 'Scotland without the Airfare' well into the future. Festival President, David Radley stated, "The Festival is working closely with our partners at the Municipality and Public Health to ensure the event surpasses safety expectations and will follow the local public health guidelines in the delivery of our world-class event."

Ticket sales will be available at [www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com). Sign up for our newsletter and stay tuned to our social media channels for announcements and updates. The Festival is grateful for the steadfast support received throughout the past two years and as we return to the traditional live event in August.

Board of Directors  
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

### **CONTACT:**

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*Editor's Note: Our gracious thanks to Clan Lachlan of Britain and Ireland for this extract from their Lachlan's News Round Up.*

Please visit [www.clan-maclachlan.org.uk](http://www.clan-maclachlan.org.uk) for more information.

## **POLITICIANS**

The politicians always come in for a bit of a hard time and no more than they sometimes deserve. Here are a few quotes from those who really understand politicians.

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

### **AESOP**

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber

### **PLATO**

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

### **NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV**

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it.

### **IRVING STONE**

Politicians are people who, when they see the light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

### **JOHN QUINTON**

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaigning funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.

### **OSCAR AMERINGER**

I offered my opponents a deal. If they stop telling lies about me, I will stop telling the truth about them.

### **ADLAI STEVENSON**

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

### **TEXAS GUINAN**

# Membership Report and Updates

## Membership Report

We have 41 Clans & Families, 6 Societies, 7 Games and 4 Business organizations

### Member Roll - As of date of publication

#### CLANS and FAMILIES

Clan BELL North America  
Family of BRUCE International, Inc.  
Clan CAMERON Canadian Branch  
Clan CARRUTHERS Society International  
Clan CHISHOLM Society - Canada Branch  
Clan COLQUHOUN of Canada  
Clan DAVIDSON Society of North America  
ELLIOT Clan Society of Canada  
Clan FORBES Society, Inc  
House of GORDON Canada  
Clan GRAHAM Society Inc  
Clan GREGOR Society - Canada Chapter  
Clan HUNTER Association of Canada  
Clan IRWIN Association  
KENNEDY Society of North America  
Clan KINCAID Association International  
Clan LACHLAN Association of Canada Inc.  
Clan LESLIE Society International  
Clan LOGAN Society of Canada  
The Clan MACALPINE Society  
Clan MACAULAY Association  
Clan MACDOUGALL Society of North America  
Clan MACEWEN Society  
Clan MACFARLANE Worldwide  
MACFIE Clan Society in Canada  
International Association of Clan MACINNES  
The Clan MACKAY Association of Canada

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The Clan MACKENZIE Society of Canada

Clan MACLELLAN of America

Clan MACLENNAN Canada

Clan MACLEOD Societies of Canada

Clan MACNEIL in Canada Association

Clan MACPHERSON

Clan MACRAE Society of Canada

Clan MACTHOMAS

Clan MUNRO Association of Canada

MURRAY Clan Society of North America

Clan PRINGLE North America

Clan RAMSAY International

Clan SINCLAIR Association of Canada

The STEWART Society, Canada Branch

## **Societies**

Greater Moncton Scottish Association

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association – NBSCA Scottish Studies Foundation

Scottish Studies Foundation

St Andrew's Society of Toronto

Westman Scottish Association

## **Festivals**

CALEDONIA Celtic Festival

COBOURG Highland Games Society

FERGUS Scottish Festival & Highland Games

KINCARDINE Scottish Festival & Highland Games

KINGSVILLE Highland Games

NATIONAL CAPITAL Highland Games

Red Deer Highland Games

## **Businesses**

Burnett's & Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd.

House of Cassady

Taylor's Tartans

ScotlandShop

# Benefits and Offers

*A reminder about ongoing benefits and offers.*

## **Communication**

Your reach can extend to over 10,000 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**

CASSOC provides 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 the continuing 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.

**ScotlandShop** - Plaid fashion, gifts and accessories designed and tailored in the Heart of Scotland. Authentic Custom Made Scottish Tartan. Made Right In the Heart Of Scotland. World-wide Delivery. Over 500 Tartans. Types: Tartan Fabrics, Tartan Suits, Tartan Dresses, Tableware, Gifts. Members of CASSOC receive a 10% discount when using the code 'CASSOC'.



# Pipers and Speakers

*The following are affiliated with our membership and available for bookings.*

*More details are available on the CASSOC website.*

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<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic(s)</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
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Rory Sinclair	Scottish History and Culture	<a href="http://www.caledoncounty.com">http://www.caledoncounty.com</a> rorygus.sinclair@outlook.com

# 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 2022:**

The 2022 Spring Delegate's meeting will be held Sunday April 3 as a Tartan Week Party.

The next General Assembly meeting will be held November 27, 2021 2pm to 5pm. 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 March, June, September and December. Items for publication should be submitted to the Editor, [editor@cassoc.ca](mailto: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 contents. For instance, please ensure that you have image rights for persons in photographs.

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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.

## **Website ([www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca))**

This 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.

## **Newsletter website ([www.cassocnews.ca](http://www.cassocnews.ca))**

This is the online version of this publication with articles from the latest issue, previous issues and incoming articles and items which will likely appear in the next issue. All materials are provided in French and English on a best effort basis.



# Games, Festivals and other Events

Check the CASSOC websites ([www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca)) or ([www.cassocnews.ca](http://www.cassocnews.ca)) for the latest listings.

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

Date	Event	Location	For More Information
April 3	CASSOC Spring Meeting 2022 - Tartan Week Party	Online	<a href="#">Click to register in advance for this meeting</a>
April 7	Burns Supper St Andrew's Society of Montréal	Montréal, QC	<a href="https://www.standrews.qc.ca/burns-supper.html">https://www.standrews.qc.ca/burns-supper.html</a>
April 9	Tartan Day Pub Night St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	<a href="https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event">https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event</a>
May 21-22	Saskatchewan H. G. & Celtic Festival	Regina, SK	<a href="https://www.saskhighland.ca/">https://www.saskhighland.ca/</a>
May 21-22	Victoria H.G. & Celtic Festival	Victoria, BC	<a href="https://victoriahighlandgames.com/">https://victoriahighlandgames.com/</a>
May 26	Mosaic – A Festival of Cultures	Regina, SK	<a href="https://www.reginamulticulturalcouncil.ca/">https://www.reginamulticulturalcouncil.ca/</a>
May 26	Whiskyfête St. Andrew's Society of Montréal	Montréal, QC	<a href="https://www.whiskyfete.org/">https://www.whiskyfete.org/</a>
Jun 3-6	Gathering of the Scots	Perth-Andover, NB	<a href="https://gatheringofthescots.com/">https://gatheringofthescots.com/</a>
June 11	Georgetown Highland Games	Georgetown, ON	<a href="https://georgetownhighlandgames.com/">https://georgetownhighlandgames.com/</a>
June 17	Spring Dinner St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	<a href="https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event">https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event</a>
June 17-18	ScotFestBC:	Coquitlam, BC	<a href="https://scotfestbc.com/">https://scotfestbc.com/</a>
June 17-19	Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON	<a href="https://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/">https://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/</a>
June 17-19	Greater Moncton Highland Games	Moncton, NB	<a href="https://monctonhighlandgames.com">https://monctonhighlandgames.com</a>
June 18	Water Valley Celtic Festival	Water Valley, AB	<a href="http://www.watervalleycelticfestival.org/">http://www.watervalleycelticfestival.org/</a>
June 25	Kingsville Highland Games	Kingsville, ON	<a href="http://www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames">http://www.kingsville.ca/highlandgames</a>
June 25	Red Deer Highland Games	Red Deer, AB	<a href="https://www.reddeerhighlandgames.com/">https://www.reddeerhighlandgames.com/</a>
Jun 25 - Jul 2	Royal NS International Tattoo	Halifax, NS	<a href="https://nstatattoo.ca/">https://nstatattoo.ca/</a>
July 1	Embro Highland Games	Embro, ON	<a href="https://embrohighlandgames.ca/">https://embrohighlandgames.ca/</a>
July 1-9	Kitchenfest Féis a'Chidsin	Cape Breton, NS	<a href="https://kitchenfest.ca/">https://kitchenfest.ca/</a>
July 1-3	Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Kincardine, ON	<a href="http://kincardinescottishfestival.ca/">http://kincardinescottishfestival.ca/</a>
July 2	Penticton Scottish Festival	Penticton, BC	<a href="https://www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca/">https://www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca/</a>
July 2-4	Almonte Celtfest	Almonte, ON	<a href="http://almonteceltfest.com">http://almonteceltfest.com</a>
July 15-16	Cambridge Scottish Festival	Cambridge, ON	<a href="http://www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca">http://www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca</a>
July 15-17	Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish, NS	<a href="https://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca/">https://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca/</a>
July 15-17	Orillia Scottish Festival	Orillia, ON	<a href="http://www.scottishfestival.ca/">http://www.scottishfestival.ca/</a>
July 21-24	NB H. G. & Scottish Festival	Fredericton, NB	<a href="https://www.highlandgames.ca/">https://www.highlandgames.ca/</a>
July 22-24	Sherwood Park H. Gathering	Sherwood Park, AB	<a href="https://www.sphg.ca/">https://www.sphg.ca/</a>
July 23-24	Okanagan Military Tattoo	Vernon, BC	<a href="https://okanagantattoo.ca/">https://okanagantattoo.ca/</a>
July 29-30	Glengarry Highland Games	Maxville, ON	<a href="https://glengarryhighlandgames.com/">https://glengarryhighlandgames.com/</a>
Jul 31	Montréal Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Verdun, QC	<a href="https://www.montrealhighlandgames.com/">https://www.montrealhighlandgames.com/</a>
Aug 5-7	Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	Goderich, ON	<a href="https://celticfestival.ca/home">https://celticfestival.ca/home</a>
Aug 12-14	Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games	Fergus, ON	<a href="https://fergusscottishfestival.com/">https://fergusscottishfestival.com/</a>
Aug 12-14	Margaree Highland Games	Margaree Valley NS	<a href="http://www.margareehighlandgames.com/">http://www.margareehighlandgames.com/</a>
Aug 18-20	Folkfest Saskatoon	Saskatoon, SK	<a href="https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/">https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/</a>
Aug 19-21	Miramichi Scottish Festival	Miramichi, NB	<a href="http://www.miramichiscottishfestival.com/">http://www.miramichiscottishfestival.com/</a>
Aug 20	National Capital Highland Games	Ottawa, ON	<a href="https://nationalcapitalhighlandgames.com/">https://nationalcapitalhighlandgames.com/</a>
Aug 27	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	<a href="http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/">http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/</a>
Sep 3-4	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, BC	<a href="https://canmorehighlandgames.ca/">https://canmorehighlandgames.ca/</a>
Oct 7-15	Celtic Colours International Festival	Cape Breton, NS	<a href="https://celtic-colours.com/about/">https://celtic-colours.com/about/</a>
Oct 22	Intro to Curling Social St Andrew's Toronto	Toronto, ON	<a href="https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event">https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event</a>
Nov 26	Charity Ball St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	<a href="https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event">https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event</a>
Nov 27	CASSOC AGM	TBD	<a href="http://www.cassoc.ca">http://www.cassoc.ca</a>

## An Drochaid - The Bridge

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members or otherwise sourced

This edition features the Caledonia Bridge in Caledonia, Ontario on Argyle Street. Special thanks to Barb Duff of Clan MacRae for pointing out the interesting history of this bridge, built in 1927, which you can read about in this issue.

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.

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

Whenever possible, please provide Word, RTF or text formats

The next issue of An Drochaid will be the Winter issue.

Please try to provide submissions by the first week in December.

Submissions should be emailed to [editor@cassoc.ca](mailto:editor@cassoc.ca)

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