



## CASSOC

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

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Any member group of CASSOC may submit an advertisement to any issue at no cost.

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.

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**Meetings 2018:**

The Executive Meetings will be 8 April and 28 October 2018.  
The General Assembly meetings will be 6 May and 25 November 2018, location TBA.

**Website:**

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

[www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca)

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*Karen McClimmon*

**Frae the Chair**

Greetings Clansfolk,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well. The weather in Ontario has finally jumped into summer and with temperatures hitting over 30oC last week – we were certainly feeling the heat!

As Chair of CASSOC, I would like to welcome our newest members, Clan Carruthers Society International and the Westman Scottish Association to our group.

We are growing this year and I am pleased to see new members to strengthen our Scottish family.

You will notice a new format for our newsletter this month and I would also like to thank our new editor, Chris MacDougall for his efforts with this new digital format. As members, you can now include links to websites and videos that will be embedded into the newsletter. The newsletter is our way to connect to one another so your input and contributions are greatly appreciated.

CASSOC was pleased to welcome Chris Maskell, head of Scottish Affairs, Canada to our last assembly meeting in early May. Chris was here to talk about possibilities related to next year's Kilt Skate to be held in Toronto in January. This year, as you know from the last newsletter, was a big hit with several hundred in attendance. Next year, the idea is to create a bigger event, with clan tents set up by the rink at Nathan Phillips Square. We are currently inquiring about tent rentals and would like feedback from our members on whether they would be willing or able to come to the Kilt Skate and bring some literature to promote their groups for next year. This should be viewed as a great opportunity. For while many of us recruit new members at Highland Games in the Greater Toronto Area or Ontario region, we rarely get the opportunity to promote our clan or association together with others within the city. Please drop me an email if you would be interested in participating for next year. It will help us greatly with our planning.

I hope to see many of you at Fergus as well as other Highland Games this year. Highland Games are an important source of Scottish culture and pride here in Canada. I applaud the time, effort and organizational skills of those involved in any of the Highland Games planning committees and boards.

CASSOC strives to serve the needs of its members.

We continue to evolve and modernize to help support and promote the work and interest of our member groups in our celebration of Scottish Culture in Canada. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, suggestions or inquiries about CASSOC.

Hold Fast,

Karen Macleod McCrimmon  
Chair, CASSOC  
[chairperson@cassoc.ca](mailto:chairperson@cassoc.ca)



## An Drochaid - The Bridge

The bridge picture used in our header was provided by CASSOC files. Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members. Many thanks to all who have provided pictures, and we look forward to the editions ahead.

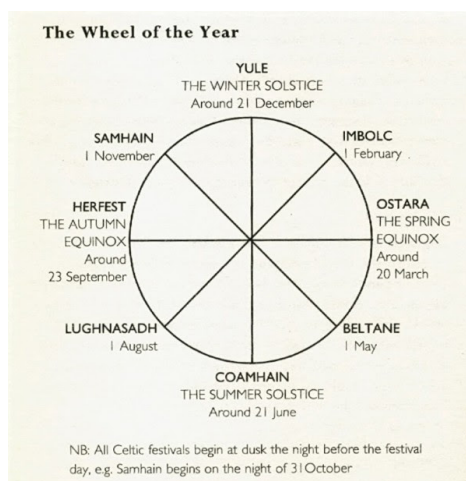
### *Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals - Spring & Summer*

Date	Event	Location
Jun 8-9	<a href="#">Clan Leslie International Gathering</a>	Salt Lake City, UT
Jun 9	<a href="#">Georgetown Highland Games</a>	Georgetown, ON
Jun 9	<a href="#">Grande Prairie Highland Games</a>	Grande Prairie, AB
Jun 15-16	<a href="#">Cobourg Highland Games</a>	Cobourg, ON
Jun 16	<a href="#">BC Highland Games</a>	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 23	<a href="#">Red Deer Highland Games</a>	Red Deer, AB
Jun 23-24	<a href="#">Manitoba Highland Gathering</a>	Winnipeg, MB
Jun 24	<a href="#">Edmonton Scottish Society Highland Gathering</a>	Edmonton, AB
Jun 26-Jul 2	<a href="#">Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo</a>	Halifax, NS
Jun 29-Jul 7	<a href="#">Kitchenfest - Féis a'Chidsin</a>	Cape Breton, NS
Jul 1	<a href="#">Embro Highland Games</a>	Embro, ON
Jul 1-8	<a href="#">Antigonish Highland Games</a>	Antigonish, NS
Jul 6-8	<a href="#">Kincardine Scottish Festival &amp; Highland Games</a>	Kincardine, ON



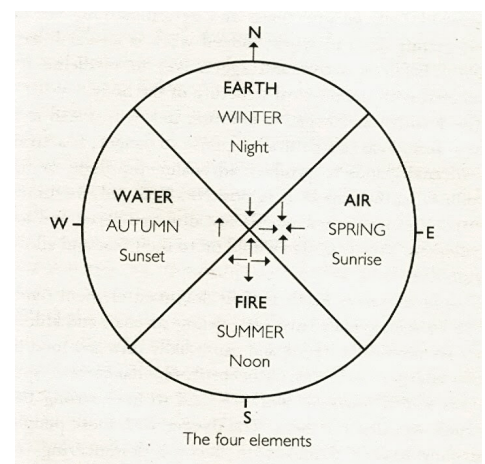
Jul 6-8	<a href="#">Almonte Celfest</a>	Almonte, ON
Jul 7	<a href="#">Penticton Scottish Festival</a>	Penticton, BC
Jul 14	<a href="#">Kamloops Highland Games</a>	Kamloops, BC
Jul 14-15	<a href="#">Fort Edmonton Highland Games</a>	Fort Edmonton, AB
Jul 21	<a href="#">Cambridge Scottish Festival</a>	Cambridge, ON
Jul 20-22	<a href="#">Orillia Scottish Festival</a>	Orillia, ON
Jul 28	<a href="#">Uxbridge Scottish Festival</a>	Uxbridge, On
Jul 28	<a href="#">The Foothills Highland Games</a>	The Foothills, AB
Jul 27-29	<a href="#">New Brunswick Highland Games &amp; Scottish Festival</a>	Fredericton, NB
Aug 3-4	<a href="#">Glengarry Highland Games</a>	Maxville, ON
Aug 4	<a href="#">Highlands Village Day Concert</a>	Iona, Cape Breton
Aug 7-12	<a href="#">Clan MacRae Gathering</a>	Niagara Falls & Guelph, ON
Aug 10-12	<a href="#">Fergus Scottish Festival &amp; Highland Games</a>	Fergus, ON
Aug 10-12	<a href="#">Goderich Celtic Roots Festival</a>	Goderich, ON
Aug 10-12	<a href="#">Margaree Highland Games</a>	Margaree, NS
Aug 24-25	<a href="#">Greenbridge Celtic Folk Fest</a>	Keene, ON
Aug 31-Sep 3	<a href="#">Carruthers Clan Gathering</a>	London, ON
Aug 31-Sep 2	<a href="#">Clan Munro USA &amp; Canada Gathering</a>	Halifax, NS
Sep 1	<a href="#">Calgary Highland Games</a>	Calgary, AB
Sep 1-2	<a href="#">Canmore Highland Games</a>	Canmore, AB
Sep 2	<a href="#">Scottish Studies Foundation – Tall Ships Cruise</a>	Toronto, ON
Sep 6-9	<a href="#">Clan MacFarlane Worldwide Gathering</a>	Estes Park, CO
Sep 7-9	<a href="#">Festival Celtique de Québec</a>	Québec, QC
Sep 8-9	<a href="#">The Beach Celtic Festival</a>	Toronto, ON
Sep 8	<a href="#">Trenton Scottish-Irish Festival</a>	Trenton, ON
Sep 23-29	<a href="#">Clan Sinclair Gathering Tour</a>	Italy
Oct 5-13	<a href="#">Celtic Colours in Cape Breton</a>	Cape Breton, NS
Nov 24	<a href="#">St Andrew's Society Toronto Charity Ball</a>	Toronto, ON

## The Celtic Elements - Summer



### Coamhain

The summer solstice, around 21 June, or Coamhain is seen as the biggest of the Celtic festivals.



### Summer - South - Fire:

The south is the place of summer in the cycle of a year, the time of heat and high activity when the sun is at

Coamhain honours the power of the sun, for the sun is at its strongest at this time. The celebrations would start at dusk the night before and go on through the night until dawn. At dawn everyone would face the East and welcome the sun on its longest and most powerful day. It was also a time when wands and magical staffs were cut from the trees in the forest, for it was thought that they held the greatest power of the light at this time.

*From Celtic Wisdom by Andy Baggott, Published 1999 by Judy Piatkus (Publishers) Ltd*

its most powerful. When the sun is strong, everything in nature is expressive. Even humans feel more energized when the sun shines. The power of the South is the power of Fire. The energy of fire is outward, expressive. It is the place of free expression and destiny. Fire is energy and connected to the self.

Fire is also connected to the right-hand side of the brain, the intuitive side. Intuition comes from making an outward connection to your higher self. To work intuitively, you have to make the connection, you have to put out your energy to connect with your higher self. This is the power of Fire.

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## CASSOC on Display!

Many thanks to Steve Logan for these pictures

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## Member Group News & Updates

Member Groups are encouraged to submit news to this regular column in **An Drochaid**. If there is no news about your group, it is probable that none was submitted to the Editor. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month of issue - March, June, September, and December.

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# Combla Rí Cheile

*Together with Accord*



## Clan Bell of North America

President David Erwin Bell met with The Lord Lyon to discuss future options for worldwide Clan Bell as regards its future leadership. There has been no approved chief or leader of Clan Bell (aka The Clan of the Bells) since 1627/8—the date of death of Chief William Bell of Blacket House. Though there are Bells of Blacket House who hold arms even now and eligible non-arms bearing descendants of varying ages who might be chief should they apply to the Court of the Lord Lyon, none has applied. The Lord Lyon informed David that the Bell Clan Chief Petition file had been open for some time. Not one of the eligible Bell descendants of Blacket House has filed to be recognized as chief. The Lord Lyon recommended that David should prepare a letter to the Lord Lyon, asking the Lord Lyon to schedule a family/clan council in Inverness, Scotland, to elect a Commander of Clan Bell.

When queried about living Blacket House Bells who may be eligible to be chief, the Lord Lyon indicated that the calling of this meeting (a derbhfine) may well encourage legitimate candidates for the chief position to step forward.

Either way, the Clan of the Bells will have a Lord Lyon recognized leader in the near future.

## Cobourg Highland Games Society

The Cobourg Highland Games would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone at our 55th Cobourg Scottish Festival and Highland Games on June 16th. This year we will be starting a Wee Highlander zone where all children will be given a passport. The passport, which includes a colouring book and mind games, will help children travel through a kid friendly environment and participate in a series of activities to become a Highlander. There will be crafting, dancing, kid's heavy events and sword fighting classes all day. Another new event we are hosting is the Canadian IHGF Stones of Strength. Early bird tickets are available through our website for \$15



until June 10th, or they are \$20 at the gate.  
<http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/>



## Clan Donnachaidh Society in Ontario

The CDSO website is in the process of moving to a new provider. CDSO will attend the Fergus Games this year as it proves to be the best in terms of turn-out.

## Elliot Clan Society of Canada

The Elliot Clan Spring Luncheon was in April and they reviewed the trip to Scotland last year. They will have a clan tent at Fergus and had a good turnout for the Kilt Skate in Toronto.



## Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games is the largest, longest continually-running three-day event celebrating, promoting and honouring Scottish culture and heritage in Canada. With annual attendance nearing 20,000, the 73rd annual Festival (August 10-12, 2018) offers programming that illuminates the four pillars of traditional Scottish culture: Highland Dance, Heavies Competitions, Pipes and Drums, and the gathering of over 40 Clans. Local and international musicians, including Scotland's own Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Albannach, enliven the festival grounds as well as the businesses, pubs, and theatres in Fergus, Ontario's charming downtown core.

We've got something for everyone, from heart-thumping Celtic music, to traditional artisans, educational workshops, McKiddies fun, and all the best of Scotland...without the airfare!



Visit [www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com) for more information.

Latest Newsletter Link:

<http://mailchi.mp/fergusscottishfestival/happy-valentines-day>

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## Gaelic Society of Toronto

### GAELIC FLOURISHES IN TORONTO

FORTY-TWO eager students attended the bi-annual CANAN AGUS ORAN (Language and Songs) workshop at the University of Toronto on Saturday, May 5th. Designed by Lorrie MacKinnon, under the umbrella of the Gaelic Society of Toronto, this event has been instrumental in promoting Scottish Gaelic for many years. The attendees were divided into Beginners 1 under the tutelage of Bostonian Nathaniel Harrington, a Graduate of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic University on the Isle of Skye and presently a Ph.D. student at the University of Toronto. Beginners 2 spent the day with Oighrig MacNeil Keogh, a native Gaelic speaker from Benbecula. The more proficient students categorized as Intermediate Level, were in the efficient hands of Lorrie MacKinnon, a fluent Gaelic speaker from Cape Breton living in Toronto and the Advanced Level, in which no English is allowed, was in the capable and delightful hands of Marie Britton who flew in from Nova Scotia.

Marie is a native of Edinburgh and completed a degree in Gaelic at Edinburgh University. Presently, she is a Professor of Gaelic at St. Frances Xavier University in Antigonish, Cape Breton. Not only is she a linguist but she is also a recording artist who sings a diverse collection of Gaelic songs from Puir à Beul (Mouth Music which replicates pipe music) to laments and love songs. Her first album will be released shortly. She also plays the Clàrsaich (small Celtic harp) and performs and teaches Step Dancing.

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**

This highly social event is new this year and focuses in socializing over delicious sandwiches and pastries while being given an opportunity to chat with native Gaelic speakers and thus add to one's list of everyday phrases. A young piper of Lewis and Greek background, Cameron Festopolous, will entertain as will Sarah West, a



gifted visual artist who also shares stories from her formidable research in Celtic Mythology. Gaelic songs will be sung with invitations to all present to join in the choruses. The venue is The Estonian Centre on Broadview, the date being 26 May 2018. It will be in the “past tense” by the time you read it here!

### **HIGHLAND GAMES**

Look for our white tent in the Avenue of Clans sporting a GAELIC RESOURCES banner. Drop by and take a seat while we teach you a little bit of our beautiful language!



### **Clan Logan Society**

Steven Logan has been elected to Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada by the Clan Logan Society. He started over ten years ago as a representative for Quebec, then moved to France and became country representative there. On his return a few years later, he became Chief Ambassador for Canada. His status has now been changed to Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada. He acts as Director on the board helping the Clan to grow and by promoting its interests. Steven will also be attending 10 Festivals and Games this year.

### **Clan MacFarlane Worldwide**

Clan MacFarlane Worldwide’s Annual Members Meeting for 2018 will be held during Longs Peak Highland Games at Estes Park, Colorado, USA, September 6-9th. A trip to Ireland and Scotland is also being planned for 2020 to learn a little more about the MacFarlane history and heritage sites. As of Sept, 2012 the Clan MacFarlane Worldwide started to work with Heritage Scotland on the MacFarlane sites in the Arrochar lands and waters of Loch Lomond area. They had acquired the land information from 13th century Charters and have sponsored the surveying and excavating of these sites one at a time. On the 2020 tour to Scotland & Ireland they will be stopping to view an archaeological site that they are sponsoring for 2018 in the Loch Lomond area of Scotland.



### **Macfie Clan Society in Canada**



Macfie Clan has nearly 70 members in Canada and they are looking for a new editor. There is a database project from the New Zealand branch of the Clan that is underway. There are plans to be at some Highland Games this summer.

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## Clan MacLean Pacific North West

Clan MacLean will be participating in 12 Highland Games in the Pacific North West.



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## Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada

Clan MacLeod had a successful Spring Ceilidh with entertainment by Rory Sinclair. This is a 'Parliament' year for Clan MacLeod so several members will be going to Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye for this Gathering. Nationally, the Clan has about 300 members and they are working on how to get youth involved.

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## Clan MacNeil in Canada

Clan Mac Neil is busy getting merchandise ready for our tent. Terry Myles, our 1st. Vice President, takes great pride in setting this up and greeting visitors. This year we plan to hold a picnic at our tent at the Cambridge Games on July 21<sup>st</sup> so please drop by and share a meal with us. We will also be at Georgetown, Cobourg, Uxbridge, Maxville and Fergus Games. Other members of our Board of Directors will be helping Terry and look forward to greeting all MacNeil visitors and making new friends. Terry reported that the Clan MacNeil newsletter is all digital now. The Clan Genealogist is on Facebook, which is attracting



new members. The Clan has over 130 members  
Canada-wide.

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Dear MacRae Family & Septs

What do you get when you combine the natural wonder of Niagara Falls, the rowdy and good-hearted members of the MacRae Clan, and the excitement of the Fergus Highland Games? What the Clan MacRae Society of Canada calls a **"BONNIE"** good time!

If you're interested in earning more about the Clan MacRae family history and making new friends, we'd love to **invite** you and your family to our Annual Social and AGM this August in Ontario.

On August 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, you'll kick off the festivities with us in Niagara Falls. You will have an opportunity to take a majestic cruise, a dinner and show, then the next day swing over to Peller Estates to wet your whistle as well as a tour of the wine estates. Then we'll take our party to Guelph and Fergus from August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to make new MacRae friends and hear share-worthy stories about your family heritage. Catch the caber toss or pipes and drums as Honored Clan guests at the Fergus Highland Games, spend a day learning about Lt. Col. John McCrae on our bus tour, and check out our special "Charters" lecture by Elizabeth Ewan and "Migration to Canada" talk by Kevin James at the Scottish Archives at the Guelph University.

On the final Saturday evening, we will celebrate in true Celtic style with a mouthwatering Banquet and Ceilidh! You are invited to join us for all of the planned events, **or pick and choose what you'd like to be a part of.** **We are having a very special guest "Miranda van Lynden MacRae", whom took over being the Constable of Eilean Donan Castle (in Scotland) and daughter of Miragold MacRae who is President of Clan MacRae in Scotland, UK.**

The Clan MacRae Society of Canada was formed in 2000 on a trip to Scotland, and since then, the Society has continued to foster our huge MacRae family and its Septs in Canada. Getting together each year gives us an opportunity to share our love of family, obsess over all things Scottish/Celtic, and continue to pass on the history of our ancestors to future generations.

We can share and answer some DNA questions, share genealogy with you, try to connect with extended family members, and discover your Scottish history and roots. Whether you're simply curious or already a genealogy buff, we'd love to swap stories with you.

If you're interested in having a great time, or learning more and would like a copy of the 6 day events planned (information & costs of accommodations) please contact Barb Duff at [barbbduff@gmail.com](mailto:barbbduff@gmail.com) (double "b" in the middle) or phone:905-387-5541. Mark the dates on your calendar now. For more information about Clan MacRae Society of Canada, please visit our website: [www.clanmacraecanada.org](http://www.clanmacraecanada.org) Looking forward to seeing you there!

Barb & John Duff





## Clan Munro Association of Canada

At the joint Gathering of Clan Munro in Halifax, NS, in September 2018, Harry Munro (brother of Clan Chief Hector Munro) and wife Lynda will be our honored guests. During Friday's tour of the Citadel, Harry will give a short talk to our group about the history of his family's military service in the Seaforth and 78th Highlanders. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Halifax Citadel Society. Entertainment for the Saturday banquet will be the Trad Trio -- three musicians playing mandolin, guitar and fiddle specializing in traditional Scottish and Cape Breton style music.

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## Clan Sinclair Association of Canada

The Clan Sinclair Gathering this year will be a tour in Italy, 23 to 29 Sep. For further information, please contact George D. Sinclair, [georgedsinclair@sympatico.ca](mailto:georgedsinclair@sympatico.ca)



## Scottish Studies Foundation

The Scottish Studies Foundation is funding the Digital Archives Programme and Centre at the University of Guelph, ON, which is progressing very well.

The main sources of income by the SSF in support of the programme are: The Scot-of-the-Year Award; the Tall-Ship Cruise; and donations. Doug distributed a single-page check-sheet about support for public access to the digital archives. Attendees were free to share the data with others as they wished. The Oor Club, part of the SSF, meets on the first Friday of each month, from Sep to May, at the Duke of York pub in downtown Toronto. All are welcome to attend as they have interesting speakers. More info at <http://www.scottishstudies.com/920oorclub.htm>



## Taylor's Tartans

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

custom flat caps, we also make neck ties, self tie bow ties, suspenders, scarves and pet bandanas. From Newfoundland to British Columbia we would love to make your tartan accessories. Check us out at [www.taylorstartans.com](http://www.taylorstartans.com).



## University of Guelph – Special Scottish Archives

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

**Clan MacRae** has organized a Gathering in Guelph on Friday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1:00 pm. – 4:00 PM. at the Special Archives & Scottish Studies.

There will be a lecture on “Scottish & Medieval Charters” by Elizabeth Ewan who has a very impressive education in Scotland and Canada. Check her information out at:

- Scottish Archives, U of Guelph includes old charters from the 13th century <https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/find/find-type-resource/archival-special-collections/scottish-studies> and presentations by Professors Elizabeth Ewan and Kevin James
- <https://www.uoguelph.ca/arts/history/people/elizabeth-ewanand>

We also have Kevin James doing a talk on:

“A Mobile People as Migrants to Canada: Dynamics of Scottish Migration”

In this talk, Kevin James explores Scots' centuries-old willingness to uproot themselves for commercial advantage, as both temporary migrants and settlers, in a variety of capacities, around the world. He focuses on Canada and various waves of migration characterised by different source locations in Scotland, areas of settlement in Canada, and migration and settlement structures.

Kevin James is Professor of History at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. He is author of two monographs, most recently *Tourism, Land, and Landscape in Ireland: The Commodification of Culture* (London: Routledge, 2014). He has also published widely in journals and edited collections on the labour history of the Irish and Scottish textile trades and the development of the tourism sector in the nineteenth-century United Kingdom, and on social, economic and cultural interactions between Scotland and Ireland. The recipient of numerous major national and international grants, deputy editor of the *Journal of Tourism History*, and founder of the Tourism History Working Group, his current research programme explores the history of the hotel as a social, cultural, and commercial institution in Britain and Ireland from 1832-1922.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/arts/history/people/kevin-james>

We are also planning on having a tour of the Special Scottish Archives and would like to extend an invitation to all those who wish to join us for this event. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Barb or John Duff at [barbbduff@gmail.com](mailto:barbbduff@gmail.com) or phone# 905-387-5541. We would love to have you join us.



The Making of Scotch Whisky, by VisitScotland

## **GUIDE FOR CLAN TENT HOSTS**

*With thanks to Barb Duff (Clans MacFarlane and MacRae) for allowing us to publish this guide.*

1. Go on the internet to Highland Games/Festival site that you wish to attend.
2. Fill out required information, i.e. introduction letter, registration, etc.
3. Make payment or request Clan Treasurer to pay the fee for the tent space (if Clan allows, or pay yourself). You will need to send the Application to the Treasurer. Tent space is often 10'x10'.
4. Games/Festival may send you gate tickets by e-mail or by regular mail, as well as a parking pass. You may have to pick them up from the Registration Tent at the Games.

## **SETTING UP A TENT**

1. A. If a tent is rented from the games, they will set it up.  
B. If you have a tent, you can set it up the night before the games or the morning of the games. (Check with the game site.)
2. A. You may be able to rent tables and chairs from the games. (Need to be reserved or requested when registering) Some Games provide these with the tent.  
B. You can bring your own tables and chairs. We like having tables to the back and/or the sides of the tent creating a feeling of openness for the visitors.
3. You will need table cloths, wide and long enough to hide your storage boxes.  
A. It is nice to pick up some Celtic patterned ones from game vendors.  
B. Or you can use any solid colored table cloth with a tartan material runner.
4. You will need to get a tent Banner or sign from your Clan or purchase or make one yourself.
5. Flags to fly at your tent. i.e.: US, Canadian, Scottish, Saltire, State, Province, Nations represented by Clan. Flags can be attached to the tent legs or in a flag stand.
6. Banner to carry for a parade of Clans.
7. Optional Mannequin(s) with Scottish attire (if desired or selling Clan T-shirts for display purposes).
8. Find out what other clans are present so you can direct someone to their own clan tent.

## **TABLE DISPLAY MATERIALS**

1. A stand-up sign on your table with your group name.
2. Books about Scotland, and about your Clan, any books that list what tartan belongs to what name and

books that show what the tartan(s) look like - "Tartan for Me" -is a good reference book to have, Kith & Kin, Black's Surnames of Scotland, etc. "Tartans" is a three-volume set of Clan and Regional and District tartan illustrations. Anyone who visits wants to know what their tartan is and what it looks like

3. Scottish maps, Clans of Scotland poster, Clan Sept poster
4. Scottish and Clan paraphernalia: Coos, Clan Newsletters, clothing, tartan samples, maps, photos, Clan crest plaque, etc., anything unique to your Clan.
5. Pictures of: Scotland, famous Clan Members or the Chief and family, ancestral sites.
6. Host needs to print or create forms for the Clan:  
Sign-in Visitor Sheets,  
Clan brochures with contact information (in a holder is good),  
Business cards with contact info (in front of the brochures in the holder is good)  
Clan membership applications,  
Genealogy applications (if applicable, and Genealogy is what draws members),  
Clan DNA Project hand-outs (if applicable),  
CASSOC Binder to help support each other.
7. Pens; blank paper in/on a clip board; Clan stamp (can get from your Clan or have made up at Staples or Business Depot), ink pad for the stamp unless self-inking; tape: cello, masking, and duct; scissors or box cutter (or a sharp skean dubh);
8. Tarps or clear plastic painting drop sheets to cover tables in case of rain or at night.
9. Name badge for hosts. (from Clan or make your own - should be worn)
10. After the game send Clan the membership forms, money, and visitor sign-in sheets to the relevant recipient. Someone in your Clan should reach out to everyone who visited to welcome them (via email) and to answer any questions.

### EXTRAS

1. Bottles of water to hand out to visitors.
2. Candy (mints, Scottish Toffee, jelly beans or 'gummy bears' in your clan tartan colours), Whiskey/Heather Cream (if allowed), small tasting cups.
3. Bungee cords, clamps (from hardware store), table cloth holders/clamps from camping or hardware store
4. Extra chairs, maybe an extra table



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

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## Help Wanted!

CASSOC needs help!  
We need volunteers NOW for:

**Bookkeeper**  
**Directors-at-Large**



For information contact  
[chairperson@cassoc.ca](mailto:chairperson@cassoc.ca)  
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