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# An Drochaid - The Bridge

## *Comhla ri Cheile - Together with Accord*

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## 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.

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)

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 2019:**

The Delegates' Assembly meeting will be held on April 28, 2019, at the North York Central Library.

The General Assembly meeting will be on November 24, 2019, at the same location as above.

**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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## Frae the Chair

Dear Clansfolk,

A warm greeting to all who are reading this. The weather has finally turned here in southern Ontario and we are cautiously crossing our fingers that spring is on the way. I know many of you are busy with your Scottish events, whether it is recovering from another successful Robbie Burns Celebration, making plans for next month's Tartan Day events or gearing up for the Highland Games Season. Good luck with your planning. As a side note here: through our membership and connections, CASSOC is also a valuable source if you are looking for entertainment ideas or performers. Also, remember that as a member, you can advertise on our website or in our newsletter. Please send your information to [editor@cassoc.ca](mailto:editor@cassoc.ca) or [webadmin@cassoc.ca](mailto:webadmin@cassoc.ca).

I applaud all those who were able to join us at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Canadian Kilt Skate at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto on January 27<sup>th</sup>. It might have been very cold, but combine Scottish and Canadian DNA and you have a very hardy people. This year, several groups also set up to advertise their groups in our Clan Tent. Thanks to all who attended. It was a sunny and successful afternoon. I look forward to meeting once again in the heart of our great city next winter.

I look forward to hearing about some of your events and activities in our next issue of *An Drochaid* or on our website. As always, please feel free to email me with questions, concerns or suggestions about CASSOC.

Hold Fast,

*Karen McCrimmon*

Karen Macleod McCrimmon  
Chair, Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada  
[chairperson@cassoc.ca](mailto:chairperson@cassoc.ca)

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Top Row, L to R; Graham Carruthers, Clan Carruthers; J. Douglas Ross, Scottish Studies & Clan Ross; Paul Elliot, CASSOC Director & Clan Elliot; George Pyron, Clan Chisholm; John Duff, CASSOC Director, Acting Chair & Clan MacRae; Gary MacPhie, Macfie Clan; Dave Radley, Fergus Highland Games;  
Bottom Row, L to R: Kimberley Henwood, CASSOC Treasurer; Jo Ann Tuskin, CASSOC Secretary & Clan Munro; Ruth Jones, Clan Donnachaidh; Barb Duff, Clan MacFarlane Worldwide

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Reminder: The fiscal year for CASSOC starts on September 1st, so membership renewals are now due. For further information, please contact Jo Ann Tuskin, [info@cassoc.ca](mailto:info@cassoc.ca)

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Scotland is Now - Study in Scotland

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## **An Drochaid - The Bridge**

The bridge picture used in our header is the Skye Bridge, and was provided by Cheryl-Lynn Ellis. Located as the land point of entry to the Isle of Skye, Scotland, the bridge was built in 1995. Many thanks Cheryl-Lynn!

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members. Many thanks to all who provide pictures, and we look forward to the editions ahead.
























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**Scottish Highland Games, Celtic Festivals & Events**  
*Click on the image to be directed to the CASSOC Events Page*



## Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals: Canada 15 March – 15 June 2019

This listing was compiled by our webmaster and is updated regularly on our website: [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca) Information is provided for reference only. Please contact organizers of the event for up-to-date information. CASSOC cannot be held responsible for any errors that may occur. Member events are **highlighted**. Please Support Our Members!

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|----------------|--|---|---|
| March 15       | Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir – Celtic Connections    |  Burnaby, BC   | <a href="http://vancouverorpheus.org/">http://vancouverorpheus.org/</a>   |
| March 16       | Celtic Festival Vancouver                            |  Vancouver, BC   | <a href="http://www.celticfestvancouver.com/">http://www.celticfestvancouver.com/</a>   |
| March 17       | Vancouver Orpheus Male Choir – Celtic Connections    |  Vancouver, BC   | <a href="http://vancouverorpheus.org/">http://vancouverorpheus.org/</a>   |
| March 23       | Winnipeg Scottish Festival                           |  Winnipeg, MB  | <a href="http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.com/">http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.com/</a>   |
| April 6        | <b>Guthrie Dance Evening Ceilidh</b>                 |  Toronto, ON   | <a href="https://guthrie-trip-2019.eventbrite.com/">https://guthrie-trip-2019.eventbrite.com/</a>   |
| April 18       | <b>Westman Scottish Association AGM</b>              |  Brandon, MB   | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/westmanscottishassociation/about/?ref=page_internal">facebook.com/pg/westmanscottishassociation/about/?ref=page_internal</a> |
| May 18-19      | Saskatchewan Highland Gathering & Celtic Festival    |   Regina, SK            | <a href="http://www.saskhighland.ca/">http://www.saskhighland.ca/</a>   |
| May 18-20      | Victoria Highland Games                              |   Victoria, BC          | <a href="http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com/">http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com/</a>   |
| May 25         | Kingston Scottish Festival                           |   Kingston, ON      | <a href="http://www.kingstonscottishfestival.com/">http://www.kingstonscottishfestival.com/</a>   |
| May 30 – Jun 2 | Gathering of the Scots                               |   Perth-Andover, NB | <a href="http://www.gatheringofthescots.com/">http://www.gatheringofthescots.com/</a>   |
| June 8         | Georgetown Highland Games                            |   Georgetown, ON    | <a href="http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com/">http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com/</a>   |
| June 9-15      | Moncton Highland Games                               |   Moncton, NB       | <a href="https://monctonhighlandgames.com/">https://monctonhighlandgames.com/</a>   |
| June 14-15     | <b>Cobourg Highland Games</b>                        |   Cobourg, ON       | <a href="http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca">http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca</a>   |
| June 15        | Annual Water Valley Traditional Celtic Folk Festival |  Water Valley, AB  | <a href="http://www.watervalleycelticfestival.org/">http://www.watervalleycelticfestival.org/</a>   |
| June 15        | BC Highland Games                                    |   Coquitlam, BC     | <a href="http://www.bchighlandgames.com/">http://www.bchighlandgames.com/</a>   |



## Alba gu brath - An Evening Ceilidh *Hosted by Guthrie School of Dance*



April 6, 2019 at 7pm

Click on the image above to be re-directed to the Event posting on Facebook

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Please let Jo Ann Tuskin know of any Highland Games and Celtic Festivals anywhere in Canada throughout 2019 so that they can be published in the next newsletter and listed online.

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### Images from Toronto Kilt Skate 2019



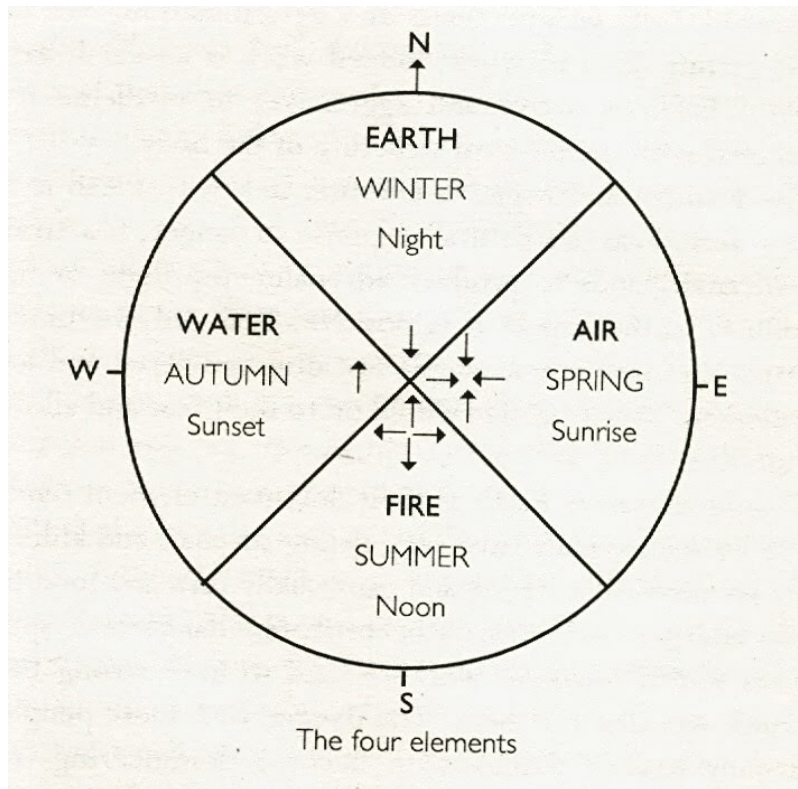








## The Celtic Elements - Spring

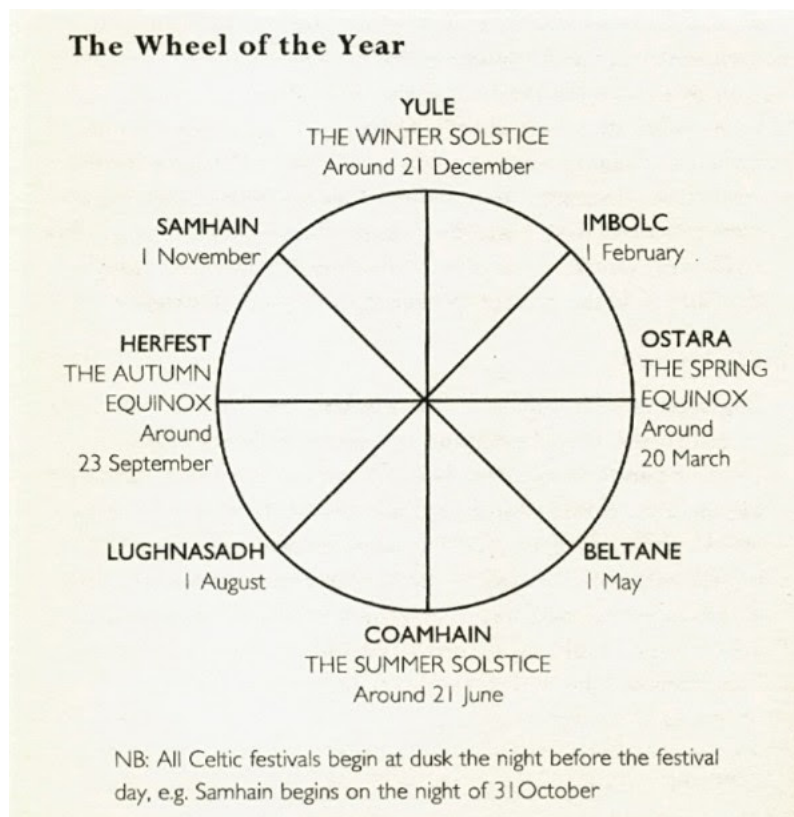


## The Four Elements

When the Celts looked at the world about them, they noticed that many things had four aspects. There were four winds, four seasons, four cardinal directions and so on. They also noticed that there was a circular or cyclic nature to the world and that, by looking at these four aspects, one could see where on its cycle anything was. They assigned these four aspects names, Earth, Air, Fire and Water. These four 'elements' became the foundation of the Celtic medicine wheel

### Spring – East - Air:

The East is the place of spring in the cycle of a year, the time when the plants begin to draw nutrients from the earth. It is the place of birth and enlightenment. In the cycle of a day, the East is the dawn, the sunrise. It too is a time of awakening, of coming into the light. The power of the East is the power of Air. In the spring, everything comes to life again, the energy is one of gathering. The plants gather nutrients and the new-born draw in air. The power of Air is inward. It is the place of learning, of gathering knowledge and experience. Air is connected to the left-hand side of the brain, the thinking, logical side. It is the place of social interaction.



### Ostara

The spring equinox – around 20 March – marks the festival of Ostara, the height of spring. The power of the sun is increasing, the buds are forming and the first flowers are blooming. Cernunnos, the Lord of the Animals, and the Green Man, Lord of the Forest, were both honoured at this time to ensure the birth of healthy offspring to all animals and

the return of greenness to the land. Ostara marked the time when all the plans formed in the dark phase of the year could be implemented and so was a hive of activity for both people and nature.

*From Celtic Wisdom by Andy Baggott*

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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 North America

Merry Christmas My Friends and Family

May we share a marvelous and healthy 2019 wherever we are! I give many thanks for all of you faithful members, Commissioners, Tent Warri-ors, Clan Bell Board members who have encouraged and supported my efforts to lead our Bell Family or-ganization over the last five years. I have been in-volved, like most of you, in supporting this outreach to and education of Bells and their descendants about the many facets of our Bell family and ancient Scottish heritage. As I turn the leadership over to your newly elected President Joseph Lewis Bell, I do so with much hope for a bright and growing future for your Clan Bell. As the Newsletter headlines shout for joy about the upcoming Family council that is being held in Scotland to elect a Bell Family Com-mander, I realize we are finally, God willing and all goes well, going to fill a Clan leadership position that has been vacant since 1627—the year of death of our last Clan Chief, William Bell of Blackett House. Looking

over many of the old newsletters, correspondence and emails as I prepared to pass all on to Joseph, I read of numerous near celebratory announcements: "A petition to the Lord Lyon Court to pick a chief nears...." Or as the December 2010 newsletter President's column announced, "A petition to the Lord Lyon Court was to be processed but minor technicalities have delayed it but it will go forward in early 2011". Since the 1990s with the Bell Family Association, we were assured time and again that a "Chief" petition is coming.

Now, there really will be an Official Lord Lyon Court sanctioned election of a leader, a Commander, for Clan Bell. The Commander elected will take the lead in working to identify living Blacket House Bell family candidates, encourage the candidates to step forward, and then help them document their hereditary right and line of succession to the position of Chief. Yes, it may take five years, maybe ten. Regardless, we will have standing in the Council of Chieftains with our Clan Bell Commander standing shoulder to shoulder with the other Scottish clan leaders. After nearly 400 years, 2019 will see all the talk and speculations come to an end; June 15 and 16 each member will be given an opportunity for one of those who are qualified and wish to be elected "Commander". I know some are not happy with this; they are among those who have promised action for years to no avail. I pray for peace and acceptance for them and for worldwide family unity as we progress toward the selection of the rightful Clan of the Bells Chief.

Why is the Family Council in Scotland rather than here in North America, where there are more Bells than there are in the whole United Kingdom? The Lord Lyon Court of Scotland is the controlling body and it sets the parameters and assigns a Lord Lyon Court representative to the Clan (Mrs. Elizabeth Roads) to monitor the gathering and to prepare a report of the proceedings to the Lord Lyon, Dr Morrow to assure that all is done in the proper manner. Once the election is held, Mrs. Roads will submit her report and action will follow; the commander will be officially inducted. I look forward to June 15th.2019. It will be a historic day for Clan Bell; my 75th Birthday. Prayerfully I will live to see both.

I sincerely thank all of you for honoring me with the position I now vacate. May the Lord bless you and yours and may He continue to guide and bless the Clan of the Bells and its leaders! Aye!



# Caledonia Celtic Festival



The image shows a vertical poster for the Caledonia Celtic Festival. At the top is a logo featuring a black dragon breathing fire, set against a yellow circular background. Below the logo, the text reads "GALEDONIA GELTIC FESTIVAL" in a bold, black, serif font. Underneath this is a graphic of three stylized arches. The main title "Cend Mile Fáilte" is written in a red, gothic-style font, followed by "2019" in a smaller black font. The dates and times are listed: "Fri June 21st 5-11 pm" and "Sat June 22nd 8 am-8 pm". The location is "Caledonia Fairgrounds, Ont.". A paragraph of text describes the festival as a family-friendly event with artisans, Celtic entertainment, and clan tents. At the bottom, there are two website URLs: "https://www.caledoniacelticfestival.com" and "https://www.facebook.com/caledoniacelticfestival".

**GALEDONIA  
GELTIC FESTIVAL**

**Cend Mile Fáilte**  
2019  
Fri June 21st 5-11 pm  
Sat June 22nd 8 am-8 pm  
Caledonia Fairgrounds, Ont.

Join us beside the scenic Grand River for our family friendly festival. Artisans, Celtic entertainment, pipes & drums, heavy events & dancers. Discover your Celtic roots by visiting our clan & heritage tents & trace your family heritage. Share a sláinte! with friends at our Celtic pub tent and satisfy your cravings at one of our food vendors.

<https://www.caledoniacelticfestival.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/caledoniacelticfestival>

**We are looking for businesses, organizations & individuals who would like to take part in our "not for profit" festival in the following areas:**

**Sponsors, Volunteers, Vendors, Clan & Heritage Groups**

[info@caledoniacelticfestival.com](mailto:info@caledoniacelticfestival.com)  
Phone: 905-719-5541



## Cobourg Highland Games Society

We would like to extend a warm invitation (Blàth Cuireadh) to your Clan to share pride in your Heritage at the 56th Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland Games on June 14th and 15th 2019.

The Games will again be held at Victoria Park Cobourg, a lovely setting against the backdrop of the Beach on Lake Ontario. Updates regarding activities on the Friday Night June 14th, (and the Ceilidh), can be found on our Facebook page, and main Website.

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

I will be dedicated to assist in meeting your needs from 4:30 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 [tmyles@ewinggroup.com](mailto:tmyles@ewinggroup.com) or, evenings only, 289 677 8507

Sincerely, Terry Myles  
Clans Representative  
Cobourg Highland Games Society



**Comunn Gàidhlig Thoronnto  
The Gaelic Society of Toronto**

**SPRING FLING!!**

We have a new date for the Winter Gathering.

We would like to invite you to come out to our Spring Fling on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 from 2 - 6 pm at Estonian House at [958 Broadview Avenue, Toronto](#). It will be held in the cafe area downstairs. There is plenty of room, so if you haven't already made plans to join us, please do.

Come enjoy great food, see old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the entertainment. There will also be singing and dancing.

In addition to the regular raffle/white elephant sale, there will be an extra special once-in-a-lifetime raffle of an arcade game simulator made especially for the Gaelic society!

There will also be a kiddie area nearby, so mum and dad can socialize while their children are having fun (and maybe learn a word or two of Gaelic).

Cost is \$25 per person to attend; children under 12 are free. Payment is at the door however we request that you register in advance so that we can prepare adequately.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by filling out the form here, or by emailing [gaelictoronto@gmail.com](mailto:gaelictoronto@gmail.com) - include names of persons coming and if anyone is 12 and under.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

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## Clan Davidson Society of North America

A Ceann Cinnidh Cuimhne  
(The President's Thoughts) by John Dawson

As I sat down to write this, Christmas, Hanukah, Yule and Hogmanay are nearing and will be in the rearview mirror by the time you are reading this. Janelle and I hope that all of you had joyous holidays with kith and kin.

While our season of tent convening is in its down season up north, I was reflecting on this past year. This past fall I had 2 great reminders of why I host our Clan tent. The first – we were setup on an outside corner looking down a row of Clan tents, there was a break in the crowd. This young lady walking up the row stops, turned to the person she was walking with and started jumping up and down and pointing in our direction. She took off running towards us yelling her Clan was here. She ran up to us shouting she was a Davidson! This excitement was infectious, especially at the end of a long busy day. The other

reminder was a little girl that was accompanied by her grandmother. They were seeking information about her Scottish ancestry and while her Clan wasn't there, she was a sponge for anything that Janelle or I could share. While these are extreme examples, this and an occasional thank you from a member is all the payment our most industrious members receive for hosting your Clan tent.



We have had some changes in the realm of Board of Directors. I would like to thank Don Davis Cloud for his time on our Board and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Wayne Davis has agreed to fill his seat at the Board, many of you may know him. Wayne has been active in our Society for many years and hopefully many more. He is a piper and along with his wife, they are two of our tireless Tent Conveners in the Midwest.

Another change is that Steve Graves has stepped down from Chair of the Board of Directors and we thank him for his tenor. Steve along with his wife Donna are coming out of retirement as Tent Conveners and rejoining our ranks in the Texas area of the country. Filing the position of Chair of the Board is Jeff Smith, Jeff has been a member of the BoD for the last four years. Jeff has a background with a couple other Scottish organizations and a brief time as a TC, we are looking forward to his tenure.

Another change that has occurred is the addition of a new Facebook page to our social media coverage.

The page does not replace the group but is intended to supplement the group. Those of you in New Mexico and Utah look for a familiar face at the Games as Matt Dawson and Stacey Chambliss have informed me, they are back. In Arizona we may be having a presence this year with a new face along with Hugh and Barbra Dawson's support. In Canada, the retirement of Bill Davidson as our ambassador to CASSOC; his role is being filled by Logan Dawson. This is an expansion of Logan's role as he has been to Toronto and met with members of CASSOC and helped host our tent at Fergus.

Slàinte, sonas agus beartas  
(Health, wealth, and happiness)



## **Clan Donnachaidh Society in Ontario**

Clan Donnachaidh, is happy to say that their new website is up and running. We ended 2018 by emailing our Ontario Society members, our first newsletter. The feed back we received was very positive. We are currently in the process of putting together our second edition, that will go out March/April.

We are also looking to possibly attending a new highland games location this year. Details are still in the working stages.

We would like to remind everyone that it is membership renewal time, our membership forms are available on our website for download and that international memberships are done directly through the international site.

Sincerely,  
Terry Dobbie, CDSO President



## Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games



To whom it may concern, greeting,  
The Festival celtique de Québec cordially invite you to represent your clan on the 14th edition of Festival

À ceux que la présente concerne, salut,  
Le Festival celtique de Québec vous invite cordialement à représenter votre clan lors de la 14ième édition du

celtique de Québec.  
The festival is held from September 6th to September 8th, 2019.  
The clan presence is kindly requested on September 7th and 8th.  
If you intend to come, please, feel free to fill included form.  
The festival take place on the ground of Domaine Maizeret.  
[www.domainemaizerets.com](http://www.domainemaizerets.com)  
For more information on Festival, please visit :  
[www.festivalceltique.com](http://www.festivalceltique.com)  
Many thanks for any reply.  
Your host, Patrice L. MacLeod  
Québec Clan MacLeod

Festival  
celtique de Québec.  
Le festival se tiendra du 6 au 8 septembre 2019.  
La présence des clans est requise le 7 et 8 septembre.  
S'il est dans vos intentions de participer, prière de remplir le formulaire inclus.  
Le festival prendra place sur le terrain du Domaine Maizeret.  
[www.domainemaizerets.com](http://www.domainemaizerets.com)  
Pour plus d'information sur le festival, merci de visiter :  
[www.festivalceltique.com](http://www.festivalceltique.com)  
Merci pour toute réponse.  
Votre hôte, Patrice L. MacLeod  
Clan MacLeod du Québec



## **Clan Leslie Society International**

### **TRULY INTERNATIONAL**

Recently it was noted that the Clan Leslie Society International, which started out as the American Clan Leslie Society, was 40 years old. So what is International about it now? Granted that the majority of its members are from the US and Canada but we have members from 7 other nations including Scotland, Australia, Finland, Latvia, France, Turkey and Slovakia. All members worldwide have access to the online Grip Fast publication as well as our web site and the CLSI Facebook. We also would welcome articles for the Grip Fast Journal from our international members to share their family histories or interesting family related experiences.

Congratulations to Laura Messing and Dane Gay who were elected unopposed as Vice Chieftain and Secretary/Registrar respectively. As a result of Dane's new title he automatically as an officer of CLSI is a member of the Council. That meant his unexpired term as a Council member at large needed to be filled. I'm pleased to report that Jordan Hinckley has agreed to serve on the Council. Jordan Is the Convenor for the Mountain Region and recently hosted the 2018 CLSI Gathering in Salt Lake City.

The Council is aware that the membership would like to hear about it's proceedings or significant actions that it has taken which would be of interest. Therefore I will attempt in my reports to include news from the Council. For example we are looking into expanding the Huxtable and Kleiforth Scholarships both as to the amount of the stipend but also their expansion to on line academic as well Scottish History, Arts and Music studies. Recently the Committee recommended the awarding of two Kleiforth scholarships to piping students sponsored by our CLSI piper and Council member Gale Walker.

In addition our former CLSI Secretary, Christine Johnson, will now be able to concentrate on her role as Genealogist offering her services to CLSI members wishing to further their knowledge of their family heritage. She also will be contributing articles periodically to the Grip Fast Journal informing of various resources that could be accessed for individual research.

And last but importantly I want to remind the members of the 2020 CLSI Gathering in Aberdeenshire, Scotland in conjunction with a larger Leslie Clan Gathering and the Aboyne Highland Games July 30 - August 2, 2020. I hope some of our international members would be able to attend. There will be much more in future Grip Fast Journals.

Yours Aye,  
Loren Leslie M.D.



**Clan Mackay Association of Canada**

Bliadhna Mhath Ùr or Happy New Year from the Clan Mackay Association of Canada.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas season and Happy Hogmanay with your family and friends.

While Christmas was a busy time, it was wonderful to spend time with family and friends. We enjoyed a white Christmas in Southern Ontario, and while we had a bit of an early start, we have generally been having good weather this winter. January is a quiet time for the Clan Mackay Association of Canada as most of our activities take place in the spring and summer, but it certainly isn't a quiet time for Scots in general as Hogmanay and Robbie Burns Day are two important events in the Scots' calendar.

There are also many ways to celebrate your Scottish Heritage across the country throughout the winter.

The Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) maintains a great list of Scottish related events on their website: <http://www.cassoc.ca/frameset.htm>. A quick review of their list demonstrates there is likely a Robbie Burns Day Supper or Kilt Skate being held somewhere close to where you live!

Of course, if winter hibernation is more your speed, the fourth season of Outlander is currently airing. Having been spoiled by watching commercial-free versions of the previous seasons on Netflix, 'm recording this season so I can fast forward through the commercials later! No spoilers please!

The next meeting of the Clan Mackay Association of Canada will be held in May 2019 in Mississauga Ontario. More details to follow!

I hope you enjoy this edition of the A'Bratach Bhan.  
Manu forti!

Heather Mackay,  
President of the Clan Mackay Association of  
Canada.



### **Clan MacRae Society of Canada**

Clan MacRae participated in six Highland Games in Ontario this year and several in other provinces. Their Annual General Meeting was held during the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games this year. Baroness Miranda van Lynden MacRae head of the

MacRaes of Conchra, Trustee and Constable of Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland which is located near the Isle of Skye, attended the AGM. Miranda was 2018 Fergus Festival Honorary Chieftain. AGM activities included a tour with history of locations in Guelph, ON, related to Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae the author of the well-known poem "In Flanders Fields".

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## **Clan Munro Association of Canada**

Come, join in the gathering of the Clan Munro USA and Canada at Foulis Castle, historic seat of the chiefs of the Clan Munro from at least 1154, Eilean (pronounced "Illyun") Donan Castle, Castle Leod, Strathpeffer Pavilion, and more. You will have the opportunity to meet our Chief, Hector W. Munro, and his family, whom you will find to be warm and gracious hosts. Chief Hector has arranged a variety of activities during the gathering on 9, 10 and 11 August 2019. This gathering is occurring in a historic year for Scotland. 2019 is the 300 year anniversary of the unsung, but highly significant Battle of Glen Shiel on 18 June 1719. In addition, it is a homecoming year for all Munros in the worldwide diaspora who are invited to visit Scotland and discover, or reconnect with, their rich Scottish heritage.

The CMA-USA headquarters will be in the Royal Highland Hotel (RHH) in Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands. It is about 150 miles north of Edinburgh and 20 miles south of Foulis. Inverness is a picturesque city with a vibrant and welcoming downtown area, just steps from the RHH.

Only Clan Munro USA or Canada members and immediate family (spouses and minor children under 18) may register with CMA-USA for the gathering. Registration and accommodation are limited to a first-come basis, so register and make your arrangements early. If you have any questions, please email [clanmunro2019@gmail.com](mailto:clanmunro2019@gmail.com).

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## Scottish Australian Heritage Council

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2019

As I mentioned in my last annual report, the challenges for Scottish cultural organizations continue with older demographics and diminishing energy of our community's leadership group. I wish to reiterate that we must continue to encourage the younger members of our families to participate and grow into these roles over time.

New Scottish-related events have started in Sydney and in the Lismore region of NSW. Mr John Tozeland, Lismore, is developing a proposal for Scottish events in that region. The Scots College, Sydney, in association with Pipe Bands Australia (NSW) is restarting the only highland gathering in the greater Sydney area. Check out our website calendar for more information.

Recent feedback from new members shows that there is recognition that our culture and heritage is worthy of being supported and enjoyed. As you know, there is much debate about the Australian character by politicians. They need not look too far from our Scottish roots for inspiration. It can be said that our Scottishness has shaped much about our modern Australian ethos and these lessons can provide inspiration for the future of our great Australian nation.

Scottish Week will be held from 14 June to 18 June 2019. We are privileged to have Dr Joseph Morrow, CBE, QC, LL.D., The Right Honourable Lord Lyon, as our Honoured Guest. The Office of Lyon King of Arms in Scotland dates from the 14th century and, as such, has responsibility over all heraldic business in Scotland. It is a unique Court dealing with the laws of heraldry and is part of the law of Scotland. We look forward to welcoming Dr Morrow to Australia and his talks on a range of interesting topics.

We benefit from exploring different aspects of our Scottish heritage and culture during Scottish Week meaning that each year is different, while enjoying some of the traditional events. We welcome and thank our presenters providing their time and expertise for our enjoyment and learning.

You will know by now that the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) will be in Sydney from 17 to 19 October 2019. Brigadier Allfrey, REMT Chief Executive, has asked the Council to assist with arrangements for the performances in Sydney. At the REMT 2017 in Edinburgh, the clans were involved in a special opening ceremony. We will be inviting clans to be involved in a similar way in Sydney. Prepare your clan folk to be involved in this exciting iconic event.

The Committee has endorsed a new role of Media Production for the Council to help to record events and produce material to promote our culture and heritage. We are delighted that Mr Stephen Hope, Commissioner of Clan Hope of Craighall in Australia, has agreed to undertake this role. We welcome Stephen to our team.

We wish to thank our sponsors (listed later in this newsletter) for continuing to provide product for our events. Thank You to our Members, Patrons, Liaison Officers and Committee for your continuing support.

We encourage you and others to participate in our events and to join the Council in support of our Scottish heritage and culture.

Slàinte !  
Malcolm Buchanan,  
President



**DEVIANCY  
AND  
SOCIETY IN  
SCOTLAND  
AND  
ABROAD**

SATURDAY,  
6 APRIL 2019  
REGISTRATION STARTS  
AT 12PM

*THE CENTRE FOR SCOTTISH STUDIES  
2019 SPRING COLLOQUIUM*

KNOX COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



12:00 - 12:30

Registration & Coffee

12:30 - 13:30

Systems of Social and Legal Control

Chair: Dr. Cynthia Neville

"The Glasgow System: Dangerous Sexualities of Working-Class Women"

Dr. Linda Mahood, University of Guelph

"Categorical Chaos: Classifying Unlawful Killing in Sixteenth-century Scotland"

Chelsea Hartlen, University of Guelph

13:30 - 13:45

Break

13:45 - 14:45

Deviancy in the Scottish Literary Imagination

Chair: TBD

"À Rebours/Against the Grain: Robert Louis Stevenson's French Deviancy"

Dr. Katherine Ashley, Acadia University

"What for No? Sordid Tales of a Border Inn"

Amy Beingessner, University of Guelph

14:30 - 14:45

Break

15:00 - 16:00

Society and Deviancy in the Scottish Reformation

Chair: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald

"A Pure Calvinistic Book of Worship for the Scottish Reformation?: The Forme of Prayers by John Knox et al."

Joon Won Kim, Knox College, University of Toronto

"The spiritualized Devil": the influence of Reformed theology on the idea of the diabolical witch in the Scottish witch trials"

Ciaran Jones, University of Edinburgh

Registration is \$25 for Scottish Studies Foundation members and for early-bird registrants on or before March 31, after which the price increases to \$30. A student rate of \$10 is available. [Click here to register online.](#) [Click here to register by mail.](#)

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Scotland on Screen - Mary, Queen of Scots

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

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