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Greetings,

So, as I'm rushing to get this 'late' newsletter out I'm thinking over the difficulties in truly understanding cause and effect. Of course, my main reason for this is to provide you, the reader, with an acceptable cause for the significant lateness of the newsletter.

These difficulties in causal understanding extend also to recent and ongoing undesirable 'effects' upon our lives and the world; for example the recent communications outage. Was it, as I suspected at the time, a failure in network and device documentation compounded by a 'simple' maintenance update?

In my long years in telecom, I had many encounters with phone technology, processes and systems that had no useful documentation or worse, docs that were wrong and thus more dangerous than none! My personal experience in this was in helping with a billing and phone system management system for a telco in Uruguay. Onsite!

On an exploratory outing, I witnessed the installation crews mounting roofs and poles to use a method to find the lines to install in a way that seemed unimaginable to me at first.

This was to grip hard with their left hand then to lick the middle and index finger on their right before touching two candidate unused wire contacts. A violent pull back of the hand along with what I assumed was combinations of loud curses and prayers in Spanish let them know that this was a live circuit they could use! They had 'attribution' documentation but with the waves of donated and subsidized equipment from all over the world during a dictatorship, the will, way and most importantly funding to keep it up to date was lacking. So, they trusted their fingers and prayers instead!

The documentation issue would be an easy blame except for the recent news about a 35% profit jump for Rogers in the 3 months prior to the outage. That profit must come from somewhere, either increased revenue, which I doubt, or reduced costs. Whatever the 'technical' cause, the 'profit' picture is truly implicated.

Of course, the real world is not simply 'a cause' maps to 'an effect'. Thus we teach business and systems analysts to use what is commonly known as a fishbone or Ishikawa diagram (example on next page) to understand all the possible and complex factors that lead into a problem.

For our telecom outage there'd likely be, in addition to poor documentation and profiteering, entries for regulatory incompetence, telco hegemonies, unconstrained corporate lobbyists, political collusion and certainly the tendency for we Canadians to be nice and just pay too much for poor results anyways. Let's hope some or all these factors are dealt with because of the outage.

This said, what about my fishbone analysis for why the issue is so late? Well on that diagram there'd be a lot about my recovering from cancer surgery thus lack of energy, focus, motivation and even just

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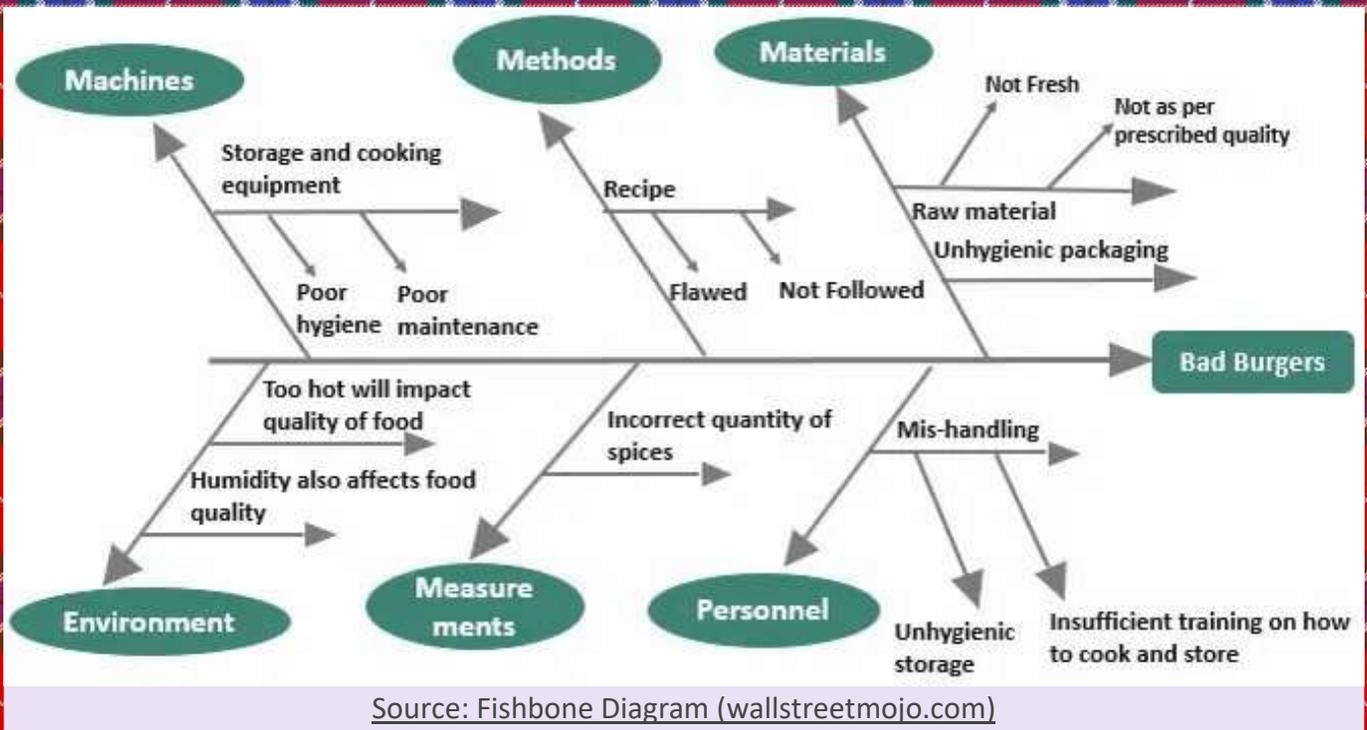
staying awake. On the diagram as well, we need to put that the newsletter production is done by a single person with help from a spouse at times. Then put that the spouse has undertaken a major contract in French, on legacy mainframe technology, in a leader/mentor role so a lot less bandwidth to help.

Lastly, one of the 'causes' could be vulnerability to delay from the format and scheduling. Should the newsletter be more frequent and thus a smaller bite to chew off? Should it be less frequent and/or done by an editorial board with only a low tech assembly resource compensated? Should it only be online? All aspects to look at while we enjoy the games and festivals we're getting to with more and more joy as we come out of the pandemic.

I'll leave you with an example fishbone diagram (below) for bad burgers and look forward to seeing you at the games. We are planning to have a CASSOC booth at the upcoming Fergus, National Capital, North Lanark and, possibly, Québec City Celtic Festival!

Yours Aye

William Robert Petrie
 Clan Gregor
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Design choices for CASSOC's new tartan

As was done last year we used the Tartan Day celebrations for the basis of the spring general meeting. It was a great success featuring guest speakers:

Robert Flewelling, University of Guelph and recipient of this year's CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary Award, speaking about his research on the Scottish settlement of the Grande River area in Southern Ontario plus the interactions and relationships the Scottish settlers had with various groups in the Six Nations Confederacy.

Dylan Parry-Lai, University of Guelph, providing an update on his work with Scottish manuscript diaries notably the incredible 32 volumes of hand-written diaries by John Douglas from the early 1900s.

Justin Guthrie, co-founder of our newest member North of Hadrian's Kilts and Celtic Clothing, presenting a wonderful 'The History of the Kilt'

We were also treated, once again, to wonderful piping by Rory Sinclair.

As was done last year the participants split out into break out rooms to do a tartan design. But with very special differences in that the segment was hosted by Emily Redman of ScotlandShop and this year was deemed a Tartan Design Challenge to propose a new tartan for CASSOC to have as its own.

As explained during the event, having one's own tartan provides branding, copyright and image management capabilities that just can't happen when using the National Maple Leaf Tartan. Note that ScotlandShop has graciously offered to help CASSOC proceed through official registration of a tartan should we choose a design from the challenge. Below are the four tartans that were designed plus this newsletter issue is using alternating background master pages based upon those tartans.

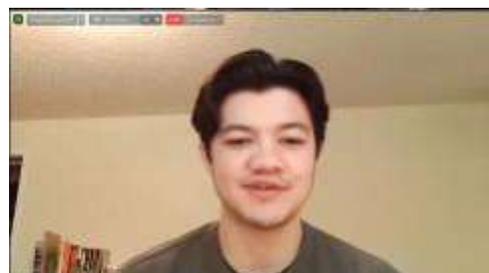
A poll was conducted for the tartans asking for first, second and third choices. The results of which placed room 1's tartan as most popular. A motion approved at the last board meeting resolved that the room 1 tartan be first verified as likely to be approved by the Scottish Tartan Authority and, if successful, to be designated as the new tartan for CASSOC.

It is in the bylaws that an official tartan for CASSOC is specified therefore the formal adaptation of a new tartan will require a simple majority vote by members. The present plan is to have this vote at the next AGM in November.

This means that your voice on the tartans can still be heard to provide input. Let us know what you think.



Robert Flewelling



Dylan Parry-Lai



Justin Guthrie



Rory Sinclair

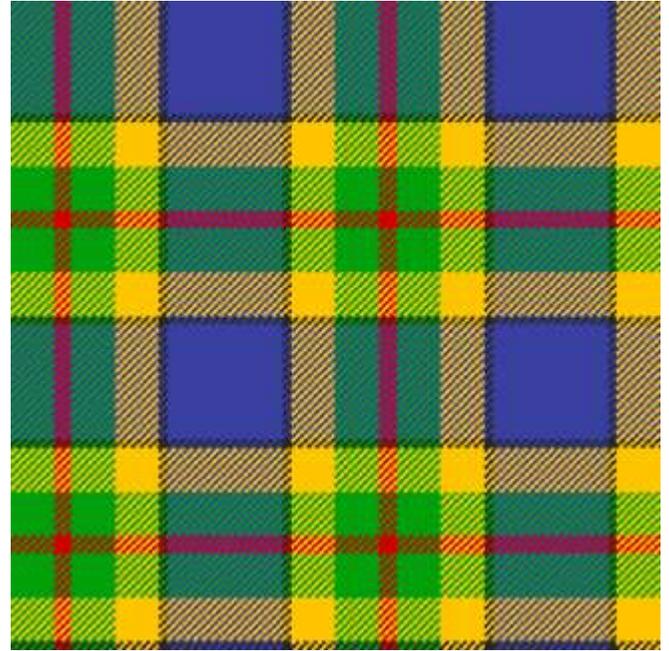


Emily Redman

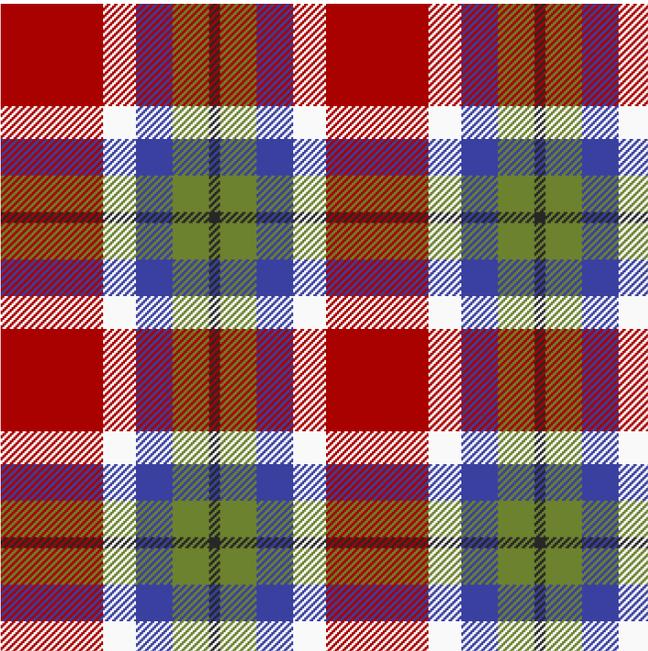
Design choices for CASSOC's new tartan



Room 1



Room 2



Room 3



Room 4

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

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After two years of presenting the Festival virtually, we are back in person!

The Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games is an annual three-day event that celebrates local Scottish heritage and features world-renowned talent and entertainment in the beautiful town of Fergus, Ontario. This year's Festival features Heavy Events Competitions, Pipe Band Competitions, Highland Dancers, over 40 Clans, Heritage Tent, research tools and lectures in the Genealogy Centre, Whisky Tasting, McKiddie's Centre, Celtic musicians and international vendors featuring Scottish wares and fares. Check out our Featured Guests page for exciting guest announcements as well. Whether you're coming by yourself or with the entire clan, there's something for everyone, Scottish or nae! Enjoy the best of Scotland – without the airfare.

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Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Clans

The Fergus Scottish Festival is proud to host many Clan Societies who will help you understand the clan system and your clan in particular.

If you are wearing Highland dress you are welcome to participate with your clan. Why not join the Clan Society?

Those in highland dress and whose clan is not represented, are welcome to join Chief Steven MacTavish and his clan at their tent.

[Click here to register your clan!](#)

Best Clan Trophy Winners

2019 Gray



2018 Fraser



2017 Logan



2015 MacNeil



Clan Arthur

Clan Baird

Clan Barclay

Clan Cameron

Clan Colquhoun

Clan Davidson

Clan Donald

Clan Donnachaidh

Clan Edmonstone

Clan Elliott

Clan Fergusson

Clan Fraser

Clan Gunn

Clan Gordon

Clan Hunter

Clan Johnstone

Clan Kennedy

Clan Kincaid

Clan Lennox

Clan Lamont

Clan Logan

Clan MacAlpine

Clan MacBeth

Clan MacDougall

Clan MacEwan

Clan MacFarlane

Clan MacGregor

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President's Message

Clan Bell North America is scheduled to hold their Annual General Meeting in the Chieftain's Tent on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, North Carolina. After the AGM, participants can also join us for dinner at a restaurant in nearby Banner Elk, NC.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is the largest and longest running Highland Games in the United States, and this year the Highland Games festivities take place from July 8 through July 10.

Kathy and I will be staying at an AirBnB in Linville, NC, and we are willing to help others plan for AirBnB accommodations in the Linville area.

Slainte mhath!

Joseph L. Bell

New CBNA Commissioner for Western Canada

President Joe Bell announced that William Clarke (Bill) Bell has come "on board" as CBNA Commissioner for Western Canada. Bill lives in Fort Saskatchewan, AB which is near Edmonton. He can be contacted at bell.family@shaw.ca.



St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival St. Augustine, FL

The first day of the St. Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival started out blustery and rainy. Richard and daughter Jessica spent part of the day literally “holding down the fort”!

The Bell tent was one of only eight clan tents on the field. The skies began clearing, and Richard bravely posted this on Facebook: “You still have time to come see me and Jessie!” Later the wind blew the top off the Clan Bell tent and all the banners became sails, but they did not give up!

Richard and Jessica didn't feel compelled to rush to the venue since the temperature in the area was a very chilly 33°. Their tent was one of the few still left at the festival. Richard's parting words on Facebook: “Bell's don't quit!”

Even though the weather gave them some difficult moments, they expressed the pleasure they felt being able to speak with a lot of visitors about their Scottish roots including a few Bells and a lot of Border Reiver descendants.



Holding down the CBNA tent as the wind picked up



THE SCOTTISH STUDIES FOUNDATION

Report from David Hunter, President, Scottish Studies Foundation

Dear CASSOC members,

On behalf of all of us on the Board of Directors, thank you for your support, contributions and encouragement which have enabled us to maintain operational during the pandemic.

Our focus is now concentrated on providing Scottish Studies students at the University of Guelph with financial support and in view of this we have implemented a change to our funding commitments. For many years we set aside about \$13,000 to help cover the cost of University of Guelph's Scottish Studies office staff, lecture payments and publications. However, from now on these costs will be paid out of the Foundation's Scottish Studies Chair endowment fund that was established back in 2004. This will free up all donations to go towards helping students with the cost of tuition.

We have also modified the eligibility criteria for our endowed Scottish Studies Undergraduate Award which previously required students to take specific courses. The eligibility is now more generic and allows students who have completed or are taking any of the topics in Scottish History and/or who have conducted research using the University of Guelph's extensive Scottish Studies Collection to apply. This award provides recipients with \$4,000 per year and was set up with the assistance of the Ontario government's OSOTF (Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Funds) program and every dollar of donation received for student assistance is matched by the government on a dollar-for-dollar basis. There are two major conditions for all OSOTF awards: recipients must be Ontario residents and demonstrate financial need.

Duncan Campbell

I am also pleased to announce that a new award has been established in memory of Duncan Campbell, a founder of the Clan Campbell Association of Canada and an enthusiastic Scottish Country dancer. He was one of our longest serving board members who was very taken with the idea of young Canadians being able to learn about their ancestral country of Scotland in a Canadian university. The Duncan Campbell Memorial Travel Grant is a graduate award for part-time or full-time students registered in a masters or doctoral program in the University of Guelph's Department of History and who are pursuing travel to Scotland for Scottish-related research. The award will provide students with \$1,000 per year for five years.

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Duncan Campbell

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Margaret MacMillan

We are also delighted to announce that internationally acclaimed historian Margaret MacMillan will be this year's recipient of the Scottish Studies Society's Annual Scot of the Year Award. We invite you and your friends and family to attend the presentation which will take place on Friday, September 9th, at Seeley Hall in the University of Toronto's Trinity College. It will be a magnificent evening of fine food, music and dance. The international demands on Margaret's schedule are currently higher than ever and so this is a wonderful opportunity for us to spend time with her while she is still in Canada and before she departs to continue her assignments in the UK and elsewhere for the rest of the year.

Details are on following pages and can be seen [here](#)

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I am also pleased to let you know that the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph will be hosting an international conference on Sunday, August 28, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will feature presentations by graduate students and faculty, and is part of a wider partnership between the University of Guelph and Simon Fraser University.

It is an exciting new initiative, Networking Jacobites, which brings together global scholars to plot a new path in Jacobite Studies. The special guest speaker will be Professor Vicci Coltman from Edinburgh University. The title of her talk is *Wartime: Scottish officers in military service, 1793-1815*. The event is free and open to all. Registration and other details can be seen on following pages and [here](#)

Following up on the worldwide popularity of our series of last year's online Zoom Talks, we are in the process of preparing a new schedule for the 2022-23 season which started with a couple of talks by University of Dundee PhD students that Professor Graeme Morton has arranged for us. Graeme previously held the inaugural Scottish Studies Foundation Chair at the University of Guelph from 2004 to 2013 and is now Professor of Modern History and Director of the Centre for Scottish Culture at the University of Dundee.

The first of these was a talk by PhD student **Chloe Anderson-Wheatley** who is based in the Falkland Islands where she works as Records Manager & Policy Officer in the Policy and Economic Development Unit. The talk on May 28 looked at National Identity in the Falkland Islands. A transcript of her talk can be seen [here](#):

On June 11, PhD student **Remigio Petrocelli** gave us an insight into his research into the Italian Diaspora in Scotland during the 1920s and 1930s — examining aspects of Italian culture in Scotland and support for fascism within the Italian-Scots community at that time. A recording of his talk can be seen [here](#):

The third in the series will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. EDT when **Andrew Jones** will present his talk titled *The Revival of Evangelicalism: Mission and Piety in the Victorian Church of Scotland*. Andrew Jones completed his PhD at the University of Edinburgh in 2018 and is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of European and World History at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. His research focuses on religion, identity and race in modern Scotland and the Scottish Diaspora. Details [here](#):

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Chloe Anderson-Wheatley



Remigio Petrocelli



Andrew Jones

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Additional talks to be scheduled later will include a presentation by Professor Graeme Morton on Neo Jacobitism in late Victorian Scotland and a talk by Dr. Elizabeth Ewan titled *A Brewing Storm: Alewives in sixteenth-century Inverness*. Elizabeth recently retired as Professor of Medieval and Early Modern Scottish History at the University of Guelph, and is a trailblazer in the history of medieval and early modern Scotland.

As well, a couple of our board members have also been hard at work getting their talks ready for presentation. Editor, publisher and author Douglas Gibson has been researching the area around the farm occupied by the Laidlaw family — the forebears of Alice Ann Laidlaw who we know as Nobel Prize winning author Alice Munro. The farm is located on The Southern Upland Way, a long distance coast-to-coast walk in the Scottish Borders. The farm is now being used as a bothy (known as Over Phawhope Bothy) which provides free basic shelter for hikers and visitors. Douglas has discovered that the area is also close to the Marchbanks Farm which has a connection to Robertson Davies, the famous Canadian novelist, playwright, critic, journalist, and professor, who in 1944, created the character Samuel Marchbanks as his pseudonym while he was editor of the Peterborough Examiner newspaper. Once his research is complete Douglas will prepare an online talk which will be added to the series.



Douglas Gibson

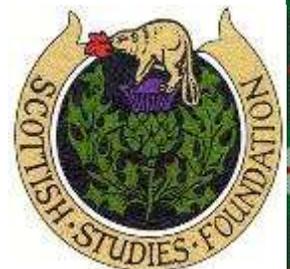
Dr. Kate Ashley who teaches French, English and Translation at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, will be giving a talk on the book she has just completed and which is due to be released shortly. Titled *Robert Louis Stevenson and Nineteenth-Century French Literature Literary Relations at the Fin de Siècle*, the book is a comparative literary history that looks at French literature from Stevenson's perspective and at Stevenson from a French perspective.

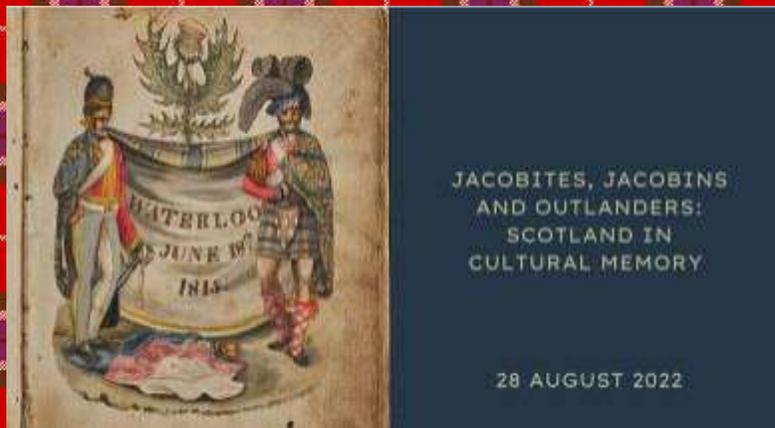
Details on all talks will be emailed to members and will be posted on our website.

In closing, I thank you again for your support. It has been crucial in ensuring that the Scottish tradition in Canada at the academic level remains both strong and secure. Best wishes to you all, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

David Hunter
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Jacobites, Jacobins and Outlanders: Scotland in Cultural Memory

Community Talk & Presentations

Sunday, August 28, 2022

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT

The event is free and early registration is encouraged, as seating is limited

Dear Members and Supporters,

We invite you to attend this community event which will feature presentations by University of Guelph faculty, graduate students and Archival and Special Collections staff, and is part of a wider partnership between the University of Guelph and Simon Fraser University. It will be the first in-person session since the outbreak of the pandemic. Early access to registration will open for Scottish Studies Foundation members on Monday, July 4th at 12:00 a.m. for two weeks. Starting Monday, July 18th, registration will open to the public and will be shared widely through our communities.

To register, [click here for registration through Eventbrite](#)

I do hope you find this event of interest. Details can be seen below.

Best wishes and thank you for your support.

David Hunter

President

Scottish Studies Foundation

www.scottishstudies.com

During the event, special guest speaker Professor Vicky Coltman (pictured next page) will present an exploratory and informal talk titled, *Wartime: Scottish officers in military service, 1793-1815*.

In the last thirty years, the study of martial culture in Britain during the period of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars has been foregrounded in various humanities disciplines as scholars sought to reclaim academic military history with its traditional focus on campaigns, commanders and tactics for cultural studies, with its equivalent emphases on poems, novels and plays. Despite the efflorescence of publications from history and English Literature, art history has lagged behind, and within the existing literature, there has been no focussed study of Scottish officers and Highland regiments during this period of intense and prolonged warfare that lasted almost a quarter of a century, or a generation. As Captain John Kincaid wrote in his *Adventures in the rifle brigade in the Peninsula, France and the Netherlands, from 1809 to 1815*, (London, 1830), "We had been born in war, reared in war, and war was our trade."

Vicky Coltman's work-in-progress seeks to write a cultural history of wartime which privileges Scottish

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commanders-in-chief of the British army including Sir Ralph Abercromby and Sir John Moore and the contributions of the 42nd, 79th and 92nd Highland Regiments at major battles of Alexandria (1801) and Waterloo (1815). She situates a range and raft of temporalities at stake in this period and its visual and material representation, both contemporary and posthumous.

In this illustrated talk, Vicky offers an overview of her current book project, focussing on a series of key images and objects which she has identified, including understudied and unpublished martial portraits by Edinburgh's leading portrait painter, Henry Raeburn.

Vicky Coltman is a Professor of history of art at the University of Edinburgh. Her most recent book was *Art and Identity in Scotland: A cultural history from the 1745 Jacobite uprising to Walter Scott*, (Cambridge, 2019; paperback 2021). Her wartime book in preparation has been supported by fellowships from the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art and at the Anne S. K. Brown military collection at Brown University.



Professor Vicky Coltman

The full event programme will be emailed to registered attendees in advance of the event.

Venue

The event will take place at the University of Guelph in the University Centre (UC), Room 442. Attendees can access the UC North elevators to the 4th floor. The event is in-person and no portion of the programme will be livestreamed or recorded. Light refreshments will be provided.

Parking

Visitor parking is free on weekends at the University of Guelph campus. Visitors can access lots P31 and P44. Both lots are a short walk across campus to the UC. Parking directions, along with a campus map will be emailed to all registered attendees in advance of the event.

Vaccination Policy / Masking

The University of Guelph's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy was paused on May 1, 2022. Proof of vaccination is currently not required to access University spaces. The University retains its ability to reinstate public health requirements, if needed and with short notice.

The University of Guelph paused its mask requirement as of July 1, 2022, with masks no longer required indoors or outdoors at University facilities. Many community members will still choose to wear a mask while in University facilities. The University may reinstate its masking requirement at any time.

The event is supported by the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph, the Research Centre for Scottish Studies at Simon Fraser University and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connections Grant program.



THE SCOTTISH STUDIES SOCIETY SCOT OF THE YEAR AWARD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2022

Reception: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Seeley Hall

Trinity College (University of Toronto)

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Margaret MacMillan, Scot of the Year 2022

It was back in 1993 that we initiated our Annual Scot of the Year Award to honour individuals with a Scottish connection who have achieved distinction through their contribution to Canadian society or the international community at large and we invite you and your friends and family to attend our 2022 event during which we will pay tribute to this year's recipient: the internationally acclaimed historian Margaret MacMillan.

Margaret MacMillan is professor of History at the University of Toronto and an emeritus professor of International History at Oxford University. She was Provost of Trinity College, Toronto from 2002-2007 and Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford from 2007-2017. She is a trustee of Imperial War Museum and sits on a number of non-profit advisory boards. Her research specializes in British imperial history and the international history of the 19th and 20th centuries. Her publications have been translated into 26 languages and include *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World*, *Nixon and Mao* and *The War that Ended Peace*. Her latest book is *War: How Conflict Shaped Us* (2020). She gave the CBC's Massey lectures in 2015 and the BBC's Reith Lectures in 2018. In September 2021 she was appointed Engelsberg Chair in History and International Affairs at LSE IDEAS, the foreign policy think tank at the London School of Economics where the topic of her lectures *Alliances in war* could not be more timely given the situation in Ukraine. (Read more about Margaret in our newsletter [here](#).)

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The event will be a magnificent evening of fine food, music and dance with a Scots-Canadian flavour in the historic environment of Seeley Hall in the University of Toronto's Trinity College which has an ambience reminiscent of a Scottish castle. The dress code is formal (black tie or Highland dress), so this is your chance to dress up for one of the most sophisticated events in the Scots-Canadian calendar.

The international demands on Margaret's schedule are currently higher than ever and so this is a wonderful opportunity for us to spend time with her while she is still in Canada and before she departs to continue her assignments in the UK and elsewhere for the rest of the year.

We do hope you will be able to join us for this memorable evening, the proceeds of which will go to support the Scottish Studies Foundation, a registered Canadian charity established to raise awareness of the Scottish heritage in Canada through education at the university level.

Tickets for this event are \$175 per person and you can order online or by mail at the links below:

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If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation,

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Some of this edition's content will also be available on our website throughout the month at:

www.scottishbanner.com/category/article/

Keep up with what is happening across the Scottish community, with the world's leading international Scottish event listings, at: www.scottishbanner.com/events/

**2021 Frank Watson Book Prize
Awarded to Dr Fiona Edmonds**

The Centre for Scottish Studies is delighted to announce the Frank Watson Book Prize for the best book or monograph published on Scottish History in 2019 and 2020 has been awarded to: Fiona Edmonds (see next page), *Gaelic Influence in the Northumbrian Kingdom: The Golden Age and the Viking Age*. (Boydell, 2019). ISBN: 9781783273362.

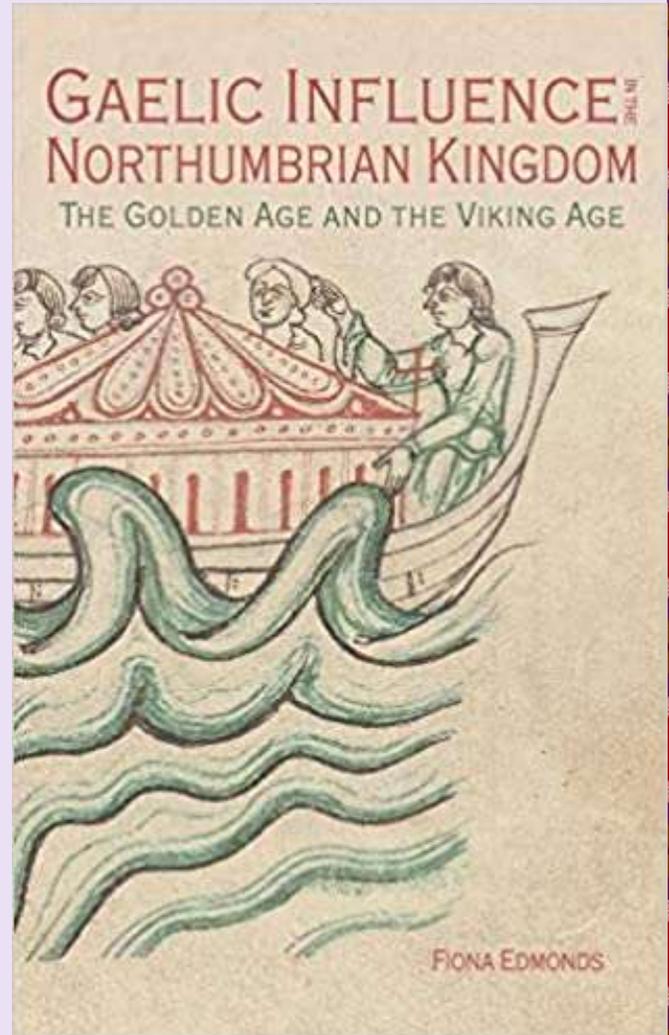
The prize committee is very pleased to honour Dr. Edmonds alongside the past winners of this prestigious prize.

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Best regards,
Melissa

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Membership Reminder

Regular membership fees will be collected this year after a two year hiatus. An invoice will be sent out short to billing contacts of record.

Most importantly, a group information update form will be sent as well. If you're not sure that our records are correct then please complete the appropriate sections of the form. A return of the form, even if no changes, **is required**.

For further information contact secretary@cassoc.ca



Dr Fiona Edmonds

**Reader in Regional History and Director of the
Regional Heritage Centre**

Research Overview

I am a historian of medieval Britain and Ireland, with interests ranging from the sixth century to the twelfth. My research focuses on maritime connections and now-lost kingdoms. Particular areas of interest are the Irish Sea region in the Viking Age, and central Britain (northern England and southern Scotland) prior to the Anglo-Scottish border. My monograph investigates links between the kingdom of Northumbria and the Gaelic-speaking world, and I have also worked on connections between Northumbria, Strathclyde and Wales. I have been involved in funded projects on Furness Abbey's links across the Irish Sea and contacts between Britain and

Brittany. I am interested in interdisciplinary work, for example combining historical and linguistic evidence through the study of names. I am the Director of the Regional Heritage Centre.

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**CASSOC French Name**

The Board of Directors, at its meeting of July 14th, 2022, resolved to adopt the additional French name of Clans et Sociétés Écossaises du Canada. The short form of CESEDC will be used in a similar fashion to the use of CASSOC in English as well as the French version of the motto being “Ensemble avec Accord “

The Federal Not For Profit act states that use of one or more additional names is allowed as long prohibited names are avoided. Legal contracts and such still require use of the full incorporation name. This update will undergo confirmation by a membership vote at the next AGM.

Clan Sinclair



Message from the President, Clan Sinclair Canada

North British Society hosts Scottish personality

The first days of summer have finally arrived and we are all looking forward to a more “normal” summer as compared to the past two years. The Covid crisis is not entirely over, of course, but we seem to have entered a more manageable phase where we can travel and gather again.

Lisa and I travelled to San Francisco earlier this month to see our daughter Abigail perform at the San Francisco Conservatory where she has been attending a month-long program. She will be starting a two-year Masters program at the Royal Academy of Music in

London, England this fall. I expect we will visit often and that will afford us the opportunity to travel to Scotland on occasion as well.

I have the honour of serving on the board of the Scots Society — the North British Society here in Halifax. The Scots Society is over 250 years old. This past week we hosted Norrie Hunter, who is a Scottish radio personality with Caledon Radio in Scotland. Norrie was visiting Nova Scotia for the first time. He gave a speech to the Society members about the history and accomplishments of Scotland and the current political climate. It was quite interesting to all who were in attendance.

Our CSA Vice President, Luke Settee, is coming to Nova Scotia in July and he and I will represent Clan Sinclair at the Antigonish Highland Games. This will be the first Games in Antigonish since 2019.

We are beginning to make plans for the Clan Sinclair 2023 gathering. We expect to announce the location and date by end of this summer, so stay tuned for that.

I wish you all a safe and fun summer.

Yours aye,

Roger



President Roger , Beth Anne MacEachen - president of the Scots Society, Norrie Hunter and Scott Sinclair

Jesus and the Sinclairs

Luke Settee, our CSA Vice-president, shared this video of the supposed connection between our Sinclair clan, and Jesus.

[The Bloodline of Jesus and Founders of Rosslyn Chapel \(Clan Sinclair\)](#)

Like other Scottish clans, the Clan Sinclair is a kinship group giving members a sense of shared identity and descent. Its purpose is to promote and perpetuate family tradition within the context of Scottish history and culture. The word 'clan' derives from the Gaelic word clann, meaning "children".

Clan Sinclair is represented worldwide by associations in Australia, Canada, Scotland and the United States, which are all open to new members.

Clan Sinclair Association of Canada

Scotland trip proved to be an exchange of hearts

by REV. MALCOLM SINCLAIR

INTERNATIONAL CHAPLAIN TO CLAN SINCLAIR CANADA

It was the spring of 1982. My thoughts turned to Scotland. It was my wife's birthplace and home until the age of 10. It was my father's native land, although he came to Canada as an infant.

I heard about a possible pulpit exchange on offer. I dialed the long British phone number I'd been given. A strange ring, and then a strange voice. "Is this Scotland?" I asked. "It is," he answered, and with a few arrangements, loosely penciled in, we were on our way.

I hadn't realized the significance of the contact. It was the Rev. Jack Orr, a big player in the Iona Community. (His daughters both went on to be stellar leaders in it).

The church was called St. John's, Oxfangs, in the suburbs, out by the Pentland Hills. A modern and modest white church with a simple bell tower and one small bell. The minister rang it every Sunday to call the folk to worship.

Our then eight year-old took it upon himself to be the ringer of the bell. He rang it, and the people ambled toward the church. The rule for the last 25 years was that the service wouldn't start until the minister's wife appeared. I started all my services on time and had latecomers strung out down the road on the first Sunday. They were quick learners though. By week two, they were there right on time!

We worked five Sundays, and had five Sundays off. Our kids learned to downhill ski in July, on plastic mats laid into the long hillside near our manse. My father-in-law flew over and took us to all the old family haunts. We also liberally sampled the wares of the Whisky Trail. Magic!

We put on weight too. A green salad never touched our lips. It was the "chippie" every night. Haggis and chips. White, or black pudding and chips, and cans of cold Tennants. Our youngest, the bell ringer, would only eat cheese pizza. One night the distracted server in the chippie put salt and malt vinegar on everything, including the pizza. Our son turned up his nose. "What is this?" he asked. "Scottish pizza," we said. He ate it.

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In 1982 Rev. Malcolm Sinclair went on a pulpit exchange to Scotland, with his family

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Later in the summer my parents flew over for the first time. We drove north, and east of Inverness, past Culloden, to the sleepy fishing village of Burghead where my dad was born. My grandparents had left after a family and village tragedy. The drowning of eight young fishermen on the Moray Firth. My great-grandfather was among them.

I can still see my dad standing with his arms outstretched and his hands against the grey stones of the little row-house in which he was born. Later he walked down by the shore of the Firth, stopping locals and telling them that he was from there. My dad had come home!

At the end of the summer, I climbed a gentle hill overlooking Edinburgh in the distance. The sun was warm and wild flowers were abuzz with bees. I remember lying down on my back in the long grass. The sudden feeling in me was overwhelming. I wanted to sink right into the landscape and stay forever. I too had come home to Scotland.



Malcolm and family with his parents George and Ivy on their Scottish exchange, 1982



Clan Davidson in Full Swing!

Cead Mile Fáilte,

Friends, family, and fellow clan members, it has been a while - what a wild ride the last couple of years have been!

Clan Davidson North America has been working diligently behind the scenes to see our activities return to normal; our tent conveners are planning their schedules, our website is getting updated, our executive team and board members are planning. All so we can bring our community together again to celebrate our Scottish heritage.

I think we can all agree that the last couple of years have been a bit challenging for all of us. Community is so important these days as we find rejuvenation in our heritage; grounding us and filling us with Scottish pride. There are many ways to engage with the Clan

and one of those is to make sure you stop by a Davidson tent at a festival and say hi! Another way to engage is to consider hosting your own tent at a game. If you are interested in possibly volunteering in any capacity, please respond to your representative.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a preview of some of the upcoming games.

A couple of things to note:

- Please let us know if we are missing any events on the calendar where Clan Davidson is being represented
- We have a new website!!! www.clandavidson-na.org
- Has your membership expired? If so, we encourage you to head over to the website link and renew. If you'd prefer to mail in your renewal, please contact our Member Registrar, Michelle, for more details mtsliquorross@gmail.com
- While you are perusing the website, you might notice the gift ideas section isn't working.. we have some exciting plans coming up for that so stay-tuned! Until it is operational, reach out to your local tent convener or email us back and we can get you some merchandise!
- Interested in sharing some photos with us? We love to show Clan Davidson in action!

As we bring this brief email to a close, we want to thank you all for supporting Clan Davidson over the years - the members, the tent conveners, the social-media boosters, the leadership team - one big family.

We will talk soon!

Liz & Michelle

CDSNA Board & Executive Committees



Greetings fellow Gregors

We're well into the summer of '22 and it appears that finally the C-19 cloud has lifted enough that the Scottish Games season is now back in full swing after at least two years of holds and cancellations. Even this year-to-date many have been a tentative booking and have only recently been confirmed. Truth to tell, the increase of new variants continues to plague planners and does indeed affirm the need for continued protection and vigilance in close contact situations. Fortunately, most activities at the Games are outdoors and therefore less of an issue.

And so today I'm writing to encourage you to find a Scottish game venue near your hometown and go out and enjoy the day. The pipes, the tartans, the food, the dancing and competitions are all an important nod to your ancestry and its proud heritage. Best of all is the fellowship. The Scottish diaspora is known for its hospitality and open hearted sharing and storytelling. After two crazy years I can honestly say that this will be balm to my soul! I trust you will find the same.

For those members within striking distance, the Clan Gregor Society Canada Chapter will be hosting a full booth to welcome members and seekers at the Glengarry Games in Maxville Ontario, the Montreal Games in Quebec and the Fergus Scottish Festival in Fergus Ontario over the next three weekends. More may follow in the late summer and fall. All are welcome and are encouraged to come visit, pick up some MacGregor gifts and share the fellowship. All members who stop by the booth and march in the Clan parade will be invited to pick up a free T-shirt while supplies last. For those in other parts of the country, please go to the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada website www.cassocnews.ca. (we are members) to find a listing of highland games going on in your area.

It is my hope that next year we will bring the Gregor tent and materials to other parts of Canada. In the meantime, put on your Gregor T's, tartans, kilts or sashes and get out for your Scottish fix. Enjoy the experience of stirring your highland blood; I assure you it feels really good to reach out across time and cultures! Be sure to send me some pictures.

We'll be sharing a virtual wee doch an doorie wi a' at Glengarry, Montreal and Fergus, aye.

Wayne MacGregor (Uaithne Griogar) Parker

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Did your family come to Canada from Scotland in the 1920s? The BBC is looking for stories around Scottish immigrants who traveled across the Atlantic on the Metagama and other vessels. Please reach out directly to Tracy Ullman via email at tracy@unlimitedbliss.net.

Fáilte!

On behalf of our publisher, **Siobhan L. Covington**, please enjoy our August 2022 edition!

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CASSOC welcomes authors of books about Scotland and Scottish Emigres to Canada.

Featuring Orkney: A Novel by Maggie Toner

“Four brothers from Iron Age Orkney die almost simultaneous deaths in battle. The energy of their passing is so extreme that they are bound together through time and develop both themselves and each other. Propelled through multiple lifetimes together, they travel through Scotland, Ireland, and later, Canada”

Described as a very good book with two of five parts are set in Scotland. Another part is about Scottish masons helping to build the Rideau Canal. There are two running themes throughout, Karma and the relationship between horses and the people who love them.

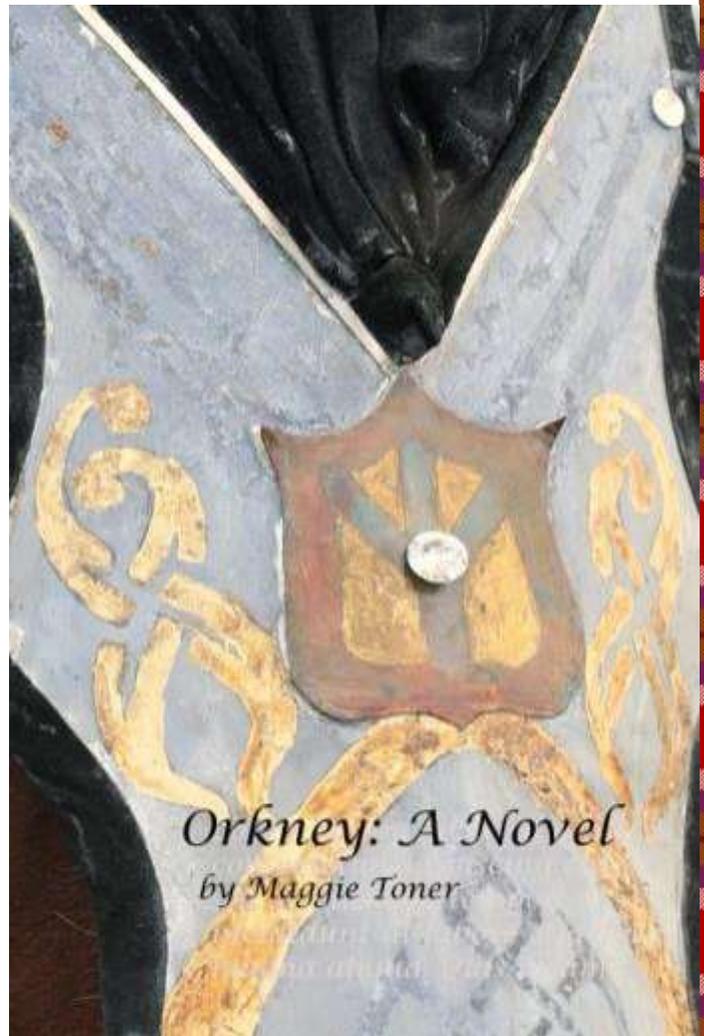
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A new venture in Scottish Heraldry



The Lord Lyon Society was set up by the present Lord Lyon, Dr Joe Morrow CBE QC FRSE, to support the Court of the Lord Lyon and to further enliven the promotion of Scots Heraldry. Our new venture will be focused in 2022 around the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland. The Society’s aim is to promote Scots heraldry, genealogy and the related arts, heritage and culture, and to continue to make the Court of the Lord Lyon relevant in our time. You can read a (lot) more at: <https://lordlyonsociety.org.uk/>.



ONTARIO CENTRAL

Paul Elliot, Chair reports:

The Elliot Clan Society will be back at Fergus this year! The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, home to one of the largest Clan gatherings outside of Scotland, will once again feature the Elliots among its ever-growing number of Clan tents.

If you find yourself at the festival in the delightful town of Fergus, August 12, 13 and 14th this year, please drop by and say hello! If you're interested in volunteering for a few hours at the Elliot tent, please contact Paul Elliot at centralontarioelliottclan@gmail.com.

MANITOBA

John Peach, Chair reports:

Minto! Our chapter is still practicing social distancing. While I am keeping my distance, I continue to pursue my interest in family history and local history. For the last newsletter, I wrote a bit about locations in Manitoba mostly named after local Elliot(t)s. There are other places that were named for Elliot(t)s who lived elsewhere, including Sir Gilbert Elliot-Murray-Kynynmond, 4th Earl of Minto, who was Governor General of Canada from 1898 to 1904.



The first place that came to mind is the small community of Minto, south of Brandon. The name was also attached to the local post office, railway point and school. I learned of a rural municipality north of Brandon, named Minto-Odanah. The R. M. of Minto was established in 1902. In 2015 it amalgamated with the neighbouring municipality of Odanah to form a larger entity which surrounds the Town of Minnedosa.

Winnipeg is among the Canadian towns and cities which have a Minto Street. It looks as though it was named for the Minto Armoury which was constructed in 1914 and 1915, around the same time as the neighbourhood was established. The armoury is quite an impressive red brick building. It is still in use and is the home base of The Royal Winnipeg Rifles and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.



My aunt and uncle lived for a time east of Winnipeg near Monomin-to Road. One of my sources, Geographical Names of Manitoba, describes Monominto as a "locality". There was no townsite. The post office, a school and a railway station were located in various spots in the district. The same source states that, when the post office was established in 1907, the postmaster asked that it be named "Monominto". The name derived from Lord Minto's name and the nickname of his daughter "Mono". It appears that now the only use of the name is for the road.

EASTERN ONTARIO & WESTERN QUEBEC

Bob Elliot, Chair reports:

The final six weeks of 2021 and the first two and half months of 2022 have seen no chapter activities other than the beginning of planning for the chapter to be represented at the Glengarry Highland Games in beautiful Maxwell on July 29th and 30th, 2022. New member Steve Royer has stepped up and volunteered to lead the chapter in participating in the Clan tents with a table to present alongside other clans at the Games. It has been many, many years since I can remember our chapter participating in such an event (the late 80's?) and I am delighted that Steve is taking on this responsibility. Steve is looking for some guidance as to what our table might include to show off our clan history and perhaps grow our membership. We invite other chapters to get in touch with me at I_cubed@sympatico.ca with any suggestions on useful materials to have on our table and perhaps suggestions on staffing.



Harking back to my last newsletter message, I was underwhelmed by the responses (none) that I made to request experiences and guidance on creating and using a Facebook account for chapter communications. I suppose I will have to be a little more proactive on that front should I wish to see any results.

May you all have a great spring as we strive to exit the pandemic. Ave!

PODCAST SERIES: THE ROAD TO CULLODEN

Four volunteers at Culloden Visitor Centre spent months piecing together information from a variety of sources for the newly released The Road to Culloden podcast series. The script earned the National Trust for Scotland's seal of approval and a nod from Professor Murray Pittock, the Trust's Scottish History advisor and a world expert on Culloden.



Each 15-minute episode takes a different point of the story as its theme. A new episode was released every few weeks until April 2022, marking the end of the commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the battle. These podcasts also mark the beginning of Culloden's programme of 'war stories' – this will run over the next two years, tying in with VisitScotland's Year of Stories 2022.

The Road to Culloden podcast has been supported by many experts and members of the public, all passionate about the history of both the place and the people, before and after the Battle of Culloden. We are deeply grateful to those who have shared their expert knowledge and to those who donated to make this series possible, including eminent military historian Christopher Duffy, Professor Murray Pittock, the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA and donors to Culloden's Fighting Fund. The Road to Culloden has been recorded by veteran broadcaster Clare English and there are now five episodes available:

Listen to The Road to Culloden at: <https://pod.co/the-road-to-culloden-podcast>

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HAGGIS BURGERS AND IRN BRU GLAZED CHICKEN

(Recipes and pictures courtesy of Scottish Scran)

Nothing says July like a backyard cook-out, so fire up the grill and try these tasty goodies! Haggis put to a new use and Irn Bru on chicken! For a tasty desert we recommend Caledonian Cream (*in plastic dishes*) and a libation for the ladies, **Pink Gin Cocktails** (*the guys will probably like it too*). Have a great 4th!

Note: Scotland is the only place in the WORLD where Irn Bru outsells Coca-Cola!

HAGGIS BURGERS

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ lb. Haggis
- ½ lb. Minced beef (*Scotch beef with more fat creates juicier burgers*)
- ¼ lb. Grated cheddar cheese (*or other cheese you prefer*)

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium bowl, mix all ingredients (*no need for extra salt and pepper, the haggis has a salty peppery taste*)
2. Form 6 patties (press firmly so they are not crumbly)
3. Grill for 5 or 6 minutes per side
4. Serve on a bun with your favorite toppings

IRN BRU GLAZED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Tsp Honey
- 3 Tbs Marmalade
- 1.5 Tbs Dijon Mustard
- 4 Tsp Irn Bru
- 6 Tbs Brown Sugar

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 360°
1. Mix together all of the ingredients for the glaze
 2. You can marinate the meat in the glaze in the fridge for several hours/overnight if desired
 3. Line a baking dish with non-stick foil and place chicken in dish
 4. Brush chicken with glaze
 5. Bake for 30 minutes, brushing glaze over chicken halfway through
 6. If barbequing, you can start the chicken in the oven to help thicken the glaze and then finish off on the grill brushing with the glaze frequently



CALEDONIAN CREAM

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 Oz Heavy cream
- 7 Tbs Marmalade
- Juice of a small lemon or orange (or both combined)
- 5 Tbs whisky liqueur
- 2 Tbs caster sugar

DIRECTIONS:

In small bowl, mix together marmalade, sugar, whisky, and juice

In another bowl beat cream to form stiff peaks
Fold marmalade mixture into cream

Layer whisky-soaked fruit at bottom of glass if desired and pour cream mixture over fruit

Serve immediately or chill

Note: the whisky taste strengthens a bit after chilling
If desired, garnish with lemon peelings

PINK GIN COCKTAILS:

2 Oz Pink Gin, 1 Oz Lemon Juice, 1 Oz Sugar Syrup, 4 Oz Soda Water, Strawberries or Raspberries and Lemon

Put ice in tall glass. If desired, mash fruit in bottom of glass, then gently pour in gin, lemon juice, sugar syrup and soda water, and gently stir (this drink is stirred, not shaken). Garnish with fruit

Kennedy Society of North America



The last few months have been very busy ones for the Kennedy Society. Tents have been convened at Loch Norman, Smoky Mountain, Gallabree in Greenville SC, Blairsville GA, and Berea OH. Our tent at Gallabree received a wonderful visit from the Lord Lyon (photo below), for which we were greatly honored. Also attending Gallabree were Dave Carrick, current Society Chief, as well as three past chiefs: John Flowers, Chris Kennedy, and Leo Kennedy. John was our founding Society Chief back in 1973, which means that next year will be the KSNA's 50th anniversary! The celebration and AGM will be held at the Smoky Mountain Games in Townsend TN on May 20-21, 2023. A committee is actively planning that weekend's festivities, so be on the lookout for updates. Additionally, there are two other news items:

Spensir Kennedy of Maryville TN has accepted the position of KSNA genealogist, whose responsibility is to give direction to members in their genealogical research. Spensir is not to do the respective research, however.

Andrew McMurtry of Toronto has agreed to become the Kennedy Society delegate to CASSOC. This will help to facilitate more KSNA involvement within CASSOC, which in turn will help to increase more activity with its Canadian members.

Speaking of activity, Lydia Kennedy of Everett ON will be convening a Kennedy tent at Fergus, so please stop by if attending those games. Kennedy Society Chief Dave Carrick will also be at Fergus. Lydia is the daughter of the KSNA Canadian chieftain John Kennedy.

Have a good summer, and please support Lydia, Fergus, and any other games that you can!

David Carrick
President / Society Chief



Kennedy Society of North America

Images from Gallabrae





Scottish Recipes

The recipes came from Neil Armstrong's mother's hand-written cook book. Neil's mother was Helen [nee McLachlan] Armstrong (1913-2005), and probably got them from her Grandmother McLachlan (i.e. Margaret [McCallum] McLachlan) (1854-1941) as her mother died in child birth when Helen was about 4 years old. She and her brother Neil, who died when he was 5 years of age of the 1918/9 flu epidemic, lived with their Grandparents McLachlan until their father remarried. Their baby sister, Jean, was raised by their other Grandparents, who were Lamonts.

Carrot Pudding

Carrot pudding recipe is really the base, since Grandma "used up" the fruit and nuts not required for the Christmas cake.

1 cup grated raw carrots	1 cup suet	1 cup sugar
1 cup grated potatoes	1 cup currants	1 cup raisins
1 cup flour	1 tsp. soda	Pinch of salt
Pinch of cinnamon or nutmeg	Pinch of mace	

Combine, then pour into greased loaf tin, cover with foil and steam for 4 hours.

Sauce for Carrot Pudding

1 cup brown sugar	½ tsp salt
1 cup boiling water	2 tsp cornstarch
4 tbsp butter	

Mix sugar, cornstarch, salt and water gradually, stirring constantly. Boil for 5 minutes, till clear and thickened, remove from heat, add butter, stir until butter is melted. Keep warm to serve over pudding.

Submitted by Jean Armstrong



Archie & Margaret McLachlan on their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 29, 1927



Macfie Clan Society of Canada

I trust everyone is healthy and remains in good spirits as we move to our summer. I want to remind everyone again, to continue to remain safe and take all the necessary precautions when it comes to Covid. I now have my fourth booster and have yet to travel very much. However, my wife Barbara and I will be attending the Moncton Highland Games mid-June and will meet up with Douglas Macfie. We will have the Clan Macfie Tent set up with all the other Clans. As well, I will bring my pipes and play with the massed bands at the end.

Barbara and I will also be attending a few universities in NB and UPEI to speak with the education students. We will be presenting how one can get started in teaching overseas. It is a remarkable way to see the world, as Barbara and I

spent 26 years living and teaching overseas. We now work with Search Associates, the largest recruiting agency in the world for teachers and administrators. This is our first trip since January 2020.

Clan Macfie Day

May 27th is Clan Macfie Day. It was on this day in 1981 that the Lord Lyon recognized Clan Macfie as an active clan. Please don't forget something that reminds you of Clan Macfie on this day.

Clan Commander/International Clan News

No news from Scotland, as Iain McFie continues to recover and complete his therapy from the neck operations. He has stepped down from being our Clan Commander, this is official. The Lord Lyon in Scotland needs to form a committee to elect our next Clan Commander, I will keep you updated on this. Please circle September 2023 on your calendar as a possible Clan Gathering of all Macfies. It will probably take place in Glasgow.

A Big Thank You

I want to thank Sue Franklin who continues to assist us and help with our membership and treasurer responsibilities. She took over in Dec 2020, after the passing of her husband. I hope to have a new person this summer to transition after Sue.

Yours Aye,

Gary MacPhie

President, Macfie Clan Society of Canada



Frae the President's Pen

Dear Cousins;

It's June already!

Given the state of things, it would be easy to write about the dire state of the world. But I won't, damn it! I'm even going to try and not think about the sadness that seems to surround us. The sun is shining, I have friends and family who love me (I hope!) and I'm still alive, despite the odds!

June is a time for re-growth and conjuring dreams. It's a time for finally getting to grips with that trip out West to visit the relations or to visit Halifax where you last fell in love. The planning for a vacation is almost as fun as getting there. Some may find it a pain, but I enjoy trying to find the best hotels for my budget, the best attractions, the best restaurants, the best of everything in a place that's not home.

Mind you, as I've discovered during the months following the height of the Covid crisis, there's plenty to see and do right on your own doorstep. When was the last time you went to a concert, or visited a gallery or went to the theatre? Why not book a table at a neighbourhood restaurant rather than wait until you've flown for five hours?

We frequently take for granted the exciting experiences that can be found within a ten-mile radius of our front door. If you're just a little bit like me, we often feel that the world beyond our own homes is always more enticing.

We're all starting to keep an eye on expenditure so the option of enjoying special occasions at home has become more attractive. I have a friend coming round for dinner this evening and the act of shopping, preparing, and cooking dinner is a real pleasure. And, you don't have to worry about how much of a tip to leave!

Our Secretary, Jo Ann, has provided details of clan events and Scottish Festivals happening this summer. Go for the day or spend a few days revelling with folk who love the Celtic Traditions.

Make a promise to yourselves this summer to get out more and make an effort to explore the delights that are to be found nearby where you live. In the vein of true Scots economy, you'll be saving yourself a penny or two into the bargain!

*"Now simmer blinks on flowery braes,
And o'er the crystal streamlet plays."*

Robert Burns, 1759 - 1796

With all good wishes.

Your Aye,

John W. Munro



The NCHG extends a warm welcome for the newcomers to the highland athletics sport along with a big drive to recruit new women to the roster. We are inclusive to all newcomers, promoting new interest in this old sport and continuing the pride in showcasing all that our Scottish society has to offer.

While the highland athletics department always sees a healthy turnout for men competing at various levels, NCHG is the Canadian Highland Games that encourages new talent to compete in a safe, friendly and welcoming environment where newcomers can learn alongside seasoned throwers. And for those still too nervous to compete, we offer spots on the field to volunteer to 'shag' (chase and pick up) the weights, be an assistant judge and be an all-around helper to get to know the outstanding community and take part in a way to feel included until they are ready to step up to the trig and throw.

For those new athletes who are ready to throw, we are hosting a training session the night before (Aug 19th) where all newcomers can try the implements, ask as many questions as they wish and gain the confidence that they need to compete in front of the crowd on Aug 20th.

We would deem it to be a successful highland athletics competition if some of our new throwers end their day with a smile on their face, a sense of pride and accomplishment and the desire to continue to compete in the sport at the next Highland Games.

In highland dance competition, the early bird does get the worm when it comes to registration, as any seasoned dancer will tell you the importance of early registration giving a possible advantage to dance last in front of the judge for your category. The NCHG is excited to see so many dancers already registered and the number keeps climbing. We are hoping to hit maximum capacity at 120 dancers like we had in 2019.

The NCHG continues to build on its pipes and drums showcase and will be hosting a few big names this year. We are pleased to have the members of the RCMP pipes and drums band as well as the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Duke of Edinburgh's Own). We will be hosting a one hour opening ceremonies at noon with music, dancers and of course, a march of the Scottish Clans to display their proud heritage through their namesake tartan.

Erin Roberts
President of the National Capital Highland Games
www.NCHG.ca

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association



SUMMER 2022

Like many Scottish Clans and Associations, the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (NBSCA) is returning to an active season of celebrations and events . Tartan Day saw the Saltire raised in several New Brunswick communities as well as at the Provincial Legislature in Fredericton . A Tartan Day Dinner and Concert was held in Miramichi sponsored by The Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi , The 65th Miramichi Folksong Festival and Days Inn. A wonderful meal was followed by an evening of amazing local talent which had everyone's feet tapping to traditional Scottish songs including one of my favorites Sky Boat Song .

An invitation from the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers to participate in their Annual General Meeting in Woodstock with a Scottish display was accepted and received lots of interest . I should add that my wife , was on the organizing committee , Avis and I support each others interests and activities . Which also includes Heritage Fairs in the Province's school districts , because of covid restrictions the fairs have been a virtual event for the past two years with the NBSCA providing material for students via the web and social media .

The Gathering of The Scots in Perth-Andover , June 3rd to June 5th marked the return of the games and festivals to New Brunswick . Visitors to the Gathering were welcomed by the pipes and drums echoing along the valleys of the Tobique River and Wolastoq / St.John River , what a beautiful sound after so many years .In addition to the bands other attractions included the heavy weight competitions , musical entertainment , the Bearded Blacksmith , Spey-Rod Fly casting , archery , food including the Haggis , displays and of course the opening ceremonies . The NBSCA display included reference material and display panels on the provinces Scottish Heritage and Culture , this included the membership binder for the CASSOC recently provided by JoAnn Tuskin which was a useful addition to our Clan information . The Honorary Chieftain for the Gathering Danny McLardy welcomed everyone to the games , Danny originally from West Kilbride, Scotland and then Hamilton , Ontario recently moved to Perth-Andover .Also in attendance was Michael Yellowlees and his dog Luna who completed their walk across Canada last year to raise funds for the Caledonian Forest renewal in Scotland . Participating in the opening ceremonies were representatives of sixty-two clans who proudly carried their Clan Banners .

A feature of the opening ceremonies is the awarding of the Keeper of the Castalia Stone . The Castalia Stone was discovered in frigid , melting of the Muniac Stream in 2017 , having a strong green colour washed smooth by the rushing waters of the Scotch Colony .The stone was named the Castalia Stone in recognition of the emigrant ship of the same name that carried the original Scottish settlers to New Brunswick and the establishment of the new settlement of Kincardineshire .Carefully disguised within the stone's surface was an image of the Scottish Thistle together with a small grove in the top which holds a taste of the Water of Life .Each year since 2017 the Castalia Stone has been awarded to a deserving person in recognition of their contributions to New Brunswick's Scottish Heritage and Culture .This year I was awarded the honour and privilege of becoming the keeper by taking the Pledge

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of the Knights of the Castalia Stone .

The NBSCA will be participating in the following Highland Games and Festivals ; The Greater Moncton Highland Games and Scottish Festival , June 17th-19th in Moncton which is hosting the 2022 Scottish Masters Athletics International Masters World Championships .July 22nd to 24th we will be at the New Brunswick Highland Games Scottish Festival in Fredericton and at the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi for their Scottish Festival on August 19-21 .The Fredericton Society of St. Andrews which was founded on November 30th , 1825 is making plans for their 200th Anniversary in 2025 .We are all looking forward to an exciting summer of events which are going to highlight New Brunswick's Scottish Heritage and Culture .

Mel Fitton
President
New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.





President's Letter

Now that the Centers for Disease Control has removed the requirement for international travelers to take a covid test before entering the United States, I expect some of you will be travelling to Scotland and other countries this summer. If you are, please keep the newsletter in mind. We would love to get pictures from your trips as well as stories about your travels.

Likewise, if any of our Canadian or European members are coming to the U.S. this year, let us know so we possibly can get together.

If you're traveling to Scotland, France, Belgium or Norway, you probably can arrange to meet up with some of our Clan members there who would be delighted to see you. Let us know if you are planning to visit those countries and we will try to make a connection for you.

Make plans to visit some of the highland games scheduled this summer. A partial schedule is in this newsletter. If you go to a highland games or gathering and there is no Ramsay tent there, consider setting one up there next year. Contact us and let us know how we can help.

In the Spring we announced a Clan Ramsay scholarship for folks who want to pursue Scottish music and dancing. This our first year offering such a scholarship. The Clan will make available \$1,000 to support the scholarship. Those funds will be available to pay up to \$1,000 or 75% of the cost of tuition/ attendance, whichever is less, at an accredited teaching institution.

I am very happy to tell you that we have made our first scholarship award. Noah Schnee, 18, of Charlotte, NC was awarded a scholarship to attend the Winchester Summer School for pipers this Summer.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a Ramsay Scholarship in Scottish music or dancing, send the application to David Ramsey david@ramseyengineering.com.

The Clans AGM will be at Stone Mountain in 2023. Notes from this year's meeting at the Rural Hill Highland Games near Charlotte, NC are elsewhere in the newsletter.

And a special welcome to our newest Regional Commissioner, Craig Ramsay in Northern California.

Hope to see you at the games!

Ora et Labora
Dick McGraw, President
Clan Ramsay International



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The Bridgerton Experience

by Steven Logan

On June 25th, I decided to attend the Bridgerton Experience, an immersive experience set in the English Regency period. Based on the series that airs on Netflix, this event allowed us to visit the past, a nice escape from modern day trappings. It was a very different event from those I usually attend on behalf of Clan Logan. It is very important to break the routine and do those events that aren't really Scottish.

There were many beautiful period decors and entertainers dressed in period costumes. I decided to make it a family affair and invited my niece Lynn caron(a distant Logan by blood!)to come and enjoy the night. Since I was to meet Queen Charlotte, I decided to dress up as if I were to meet the real Queen on behalf of Clan Logan. My nicest finery came out, the Montrose doublet, jabot and cuffs, custom Logan Modern kilt hose, luxury sporran and even the 18th century reenactor shoes to make the look more complete. I went in white tie attire despite the massive heatwave we got! Lynn wore a nice dress with her Logan sash pleased to take part in the event.

We got compliments from fellow attendees on our attire. I couldn't help but be extremely proud of my niece and the beautiful person she has become. I seldom get to do any events with her as we have lives that don't often meet up. This was the perfect opportunity to do an activity together.

As we entered with our VIP tickets, We took many pictures and gradually headed towards the bar and had a nice glass of prosecco together. Then Queen Charlotte came out, we curtsied and bowed as her majesty came in with her attendants. We then did photo ops and headed in the main room where the band in period costume were playing.

There were acrobats doing their thing and people participating in line dancing. it would have been nice to do that with Lynn but there were too many people and no room on the main stage. That didn't stop us from having fun and dancing at our end. As we were all having fun, the Queen charlotte came out and chose her jewel of the evening. After, we continued to dance a little until the event ended.

We had tons of fun together in a very different setting. Nice to create more family memories while promoting Clan Logan. We were the only couple dressed in Scottish attire and got noticed. Let our Clan get more attention more often!!



Photos from top left clockwise

- Queen Charlotte Greets her guests
- An 'old' portrait of Lynn Caron and myself!
- Musicians giving it their best

Clan Logan

Celebrating Burns

By Steven Logan

On Thursday, April 7th, 2022, Clan Logan represented by myself and Vice-President Laurent Audar attended the long awaited Burns night supper that was rescheduled due to the pandemic and hosted by the Montreal saint Andrew's Society.

This year, the event was held at l'espace Canal at L'ambroisie in Montreal. There were many fresh new faces in the attendance as many people became new members of the society. We started out with a cocktail reception followed by piping guests to the tables by Cameron Stevens. Clan Logan was at table 6 and this allowed us to connect and share with people we haven't seen in a very long time.

There were a few speeches, a recitation "Address to the Toothache" by Gillian Leitch, an impressive and dynamic address to the Haggis by Sara Lackie and various toasts to the Queen, laddies and lassies. The guest of honour was Michal Yellowlees, who walked across Canada with his dog Luna for the re-wilding charity Trees for life based in Scotland whose goal is to restore the Caledonian Forest, which once covered most of Scotland. Michael also charmed the crowd with his guitar and song. Cameron Stevens then piped Auld Lang Syne to close the event.

It all felt like a breath of fresh air to be at an event again. We would like to thank the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society for a fantastic Burns night event.



Photos from top left clockwise
-Table 6 at the burns supper.
-Sara Lackie does the Address to a Haggis.
-Gillian Leitch reciting
"Address to the Toothache".

**Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums raffle barbecue event
by Steven Logan**

On Sunday, July 10th, 2022, the moment I have been waiting for arrived, The Black Watch Association Pipes and Drums raffle BBQ event. This event was aimed at helping the Association with getting upgrades for the drum corps, uniforms for the band members and Highland dancers.

It was a very nice Barbecue. Some were surprised to see me "relaxed" without any kilts or Logan attire, some didn't recognize me. Most of the time, I take out the Logan attire for my functions but it does happen, depending on the circumstances, that I change how I dress for a given event. This was just a very laid back, family oriented and casual barbecue. We had our hamburgers and hot dogs and enjoyed each other's company. I even brought some rice Krispy squares people could munch on which were appreciated.

Part of my mandate as Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada is to build strong bonds within the Scottish Community while promoting Clan Logan. Through the years I have done many events with the BWAPD but this time, I wanted to give them a little more TLC as they needed a little more financial help. I therefore bought tickets.. a few more than I would normally do and prepared separate special donations, gift cards at Tartantown for the six Scottish dancers. I acted generously because these people work very hard at their trade and I needed them to know that our Clan cared about their contribution through they years.

The Black watch Association Pipes and Drums then put on a little show. Everyone was happy and the children danced. The event concluded with Bob Labrèche thanking everyone who attended and the various donors to the event. The Clan Logan Society of Canada was warmly thanked in front of the attendance for its donations and implication. It was an honour to participate in this barbecue event and help make a difference.



Steven Logon and the highland dancers:
Maureen, Gaby and Mary



Getting ready to perform at the BBQ

Celebrating Canada Day 2022 at the Legion by Steven Logan

This year, I have to say I was greatly disappointed. Each year, I attend the Montreal Canada Day parade. I take out my Logan banner and march right down the street in order to give our Clan great visibility. This year, organizer Caroline Polksac told me that there was no parade. Heritage Canada has refused funding for an event that was essentially done with volunteers. There were a few Canada day events here and decided to look into something different.

Luckily, I always seem to find something to do to promote Clan Logan. One of my contacts at the Verdun branch #4, Howie Curotte told me that the Legion was doing a little something. On July 1st, 2022, I went to meet the veterans, shake their hands and wish them a happy Canada day of behalf of our Clan and offer much needed support. Clan activities are more than Highland Games and events here and there, it's about meeting people who share our Logan values and follow our motto Hoc Majorum Virtus, This is the Valour of my ancestors.

It is in our mandate to meet various people in different communities doing different things and making them aware that our Scottish Clan is around and doing its part. Connecting with people, sharing our ideas and making them aware that we are active and still looking for our Scottish Chief.

It was nice to connect with my Legion. When I arrived, I was greeted by Howie who was seated with his best friend Pette. I spent the afternoon talking to these fine gentlemen as other people arrived to celebrate Canada Day. On this day we celebrated what Canada was really about, its people.



Pete, Howie and Steven with Frank the barman

Curling with the Ottscots By Patrick Dionne-Kuno (Ontario)

On April 9 2022, the Scottish Society of Ottawa hosted their annual kilted curling event to celebrate Tartan Day. As the night started off at 6:30, my girlfriend Melissa and I arrived at the Rideau curling club. We were greeted by society members as well as facility employees who checked if we were pre-registered for the game.

As we registered, they explained to us how to play, the rules and how to make the game interesting : random rules that we had to pick out of a container that had wacky restrictions as well as bonuses. (For example: the team with the most tartan or kilts, with kilts taking precedence over any other piece of clothing) gets two extra points or only the 2nd and 4th players were able to play this round).

Being our first game of curling, we discovered that the game is played with 4 players: two thrower and two sweepers. Since we were only two, they paired us up with another couple which we were able to mingle with before the game. We also decided on a name for our team, Clan Logan! Once we got our curling soles or shoes on, (for those who are wondering about the soles, here is a brief explanation: one is to grip on the ice and prevent from falling during the sweeping and one is a "slide" which is used when throwing the rock to the sweepers direction and it's optional if your shoes aren't anti-slip) we headed on to the ice to play. We were so brand new that we had difficulty playing since we would slip all the time.

When we were done playing, we got to the lounge around 8:30. The society had prizes to give out, like biggest loser who receives a bar of homemade Scottish soap because apparently they stink at the game, winner of the night, ticket draw and also gifts for our VIP guests. During the event we had two members from the UK embassy join us as well as Michael Yellowlees the Scottish environmentalists who walk coast to coast in support of Scottish reforestation.

Afterwards we had pizza provided by the society and music from local musicians. Members of the society that didn't want to play were still able to come for the pizza and music for 8\$ each instead of the 40\$ each we had to pay to play curling. All in all I love being able to try a different sport and have fun while doing it. I think it's making me want to play again!



Patrick Dionne-Kuno

Greater Moncton Highland Games 2022 by Steven Logan

This year was a big one for The Greater Moncton Highland Games. After a 2 year hiatus they were back and this time had the Scottish Masters Athletics International 2022 Masters World Championships. Nearly 200 of the world's strongest heavy events athletes came to Moncton to participate. The President of the event, Murray Maclean was pleased to see Clan Logan as like in many games, it is very difficult to get Clans to participate due to inflation, cost of gas and transport and the pandemic situation. This was a first representation for Clan Logan in the Maritimes. On Friday the 17th of June, I came to do my set up. I brought my newest displays in order to wow visitors and passers by I stayed a little then left to relax for the following day.

The following morning, I got up and participated in the Clans parade that started at the Moncton market. Bagpipers were getting ready and we were lining up when I noticed a familiar face..it was Michael Yellowlees!! Some time ago, I had participated in the Burns Night for The Montreal Saint Andrew's Society and Mr. Yellowlees was the guest of honour. Michael was the Chieftain of the games and led the parade right to the games. Clan Logan made an impressive entrance.

As I hosted that day, I was asked to participate in the Haggis ceremony. I brought the haggis into the field so that the ode to a Haggis may be done to a very cheerful crowd. As the day passed, I continued hosting and a man came to see me, he was wearing a Logan ancient tartan kilt and had all types of badges sewn on it. Dayle Geyman , of Logan decent, attended to participate in the World Championships and he made a record! I also had a surprise visit of Jacques MacNicol who will host at my Montreal games!!

The day passed very fast and I was able to rekindle ties to many Clans while there. Interestingly, Clan MacPhie was there and I was able to catch up with them, the last time being in Fergus 2 years before. They also stayed at the same hotel so I benefited from MacPhie hospitality, getting a lift here and there and help bringing things to the Games.

At the hotel, I had a drink with Gary MacPhie and he told me he was greatly impressed with what I've been doing with Clan Logan and the constant visibility I've been giving our Clan. He was impressed with the devotion and hard work put in. The Clans have noticed, it seems. Like I tell people, you only ever get what you put in. No time for excuses but plenty of time to make a difference. I want us to become a recognized Clan again. That doesn't happen by not participating in various initiatives.

On the second day of the Games, I met many people a certain Nicole Peppard came, her mother was a Logan and she was extremely surprised to see Clan Logan at this event. She told me she hopes to see us again, more frequently across Canada. I had the pleasure of telling her what the name Logan meant, where we come from and give her additional details she knew nothing about. Seeing distant cousins always pleases me.

After an excellent second day of games, I tore down my displays, packed and hitched a ride with Gary MacPhie back to the Hyatt Moncton Place, I had accomplished what I was to do there this year. He asked about the Montreal Highland Games as Clan MacPhie just might come.. we will see!

Many thanks to the greater Moncton Highland games for such a successful event!



Photos from top left clockwise
- Gary MacPhie and Steven Logan
- Jacques MacNicol and Steven Logan
- Parading with Clan McEwen
- Mama K and Steven Logan

2022 Victoria Highland Games by Steven Logan

In early April, I had to make a decision about what I would do next. I absolutely love to host at various games but need more visibility in places I am less seen for Clan Logan. This would help me in my quest to find new representatives in other Canadian provinces to join my team and would also increase our Clan's presence in our country. I therefore decided to go to the Victoria Highland Games in British Columbia. Fate would have it that Clan MacAulay was also attending these games and they were looking forward to us getting together again. That happened and it was so nice to see our good friends we also consider family.

Before the pandemic, I would attend the ScotfestBC in port Coquitlam and then head for San Diego California to meet up with former President of the Clan Logan Society International, James C. Logan. The dates for the ScotFestBC clashed with other commitments this year so I chose to attend the Victoria Games Games instead.

The 159th Victoria Highland Games were held on May 21st and 22nd, 2022. Mother nature was unpredictable. Before leaving Quebec, the weekend in BC was to be a light spring day with sun but once I arrived, it was more like sunny early summer days and quite warm.

I arrived on may 20th and Joan and Doug from Clan MacAulay came to pick me up. I was tired after all that travelling so we stopped by red Robin for a bite to eat before heading to Topaz park to help set up the tents, pick up folded tables and chairs. It was so nice to see my friends after so many years.

On the following day, I got my tent set up with my brand new displays ready to charm visitors. As I heard the sound of the bagpipes at a distance, people started to enter. There were many crowds of people that visited the heritage section. I got lucky because there were slower times that allowed me to wander off and visit the site. I did some shopping among the vendors and took a moment to visit the Fraser Highlanders and other Clans in attendance.

On the second day of the games, I enjoyed a really good Clan brunch, it was very nice! As the day progressed, the Chieftain of the games visited the Clan booths to discuss with all of us. I didn't know at the time that he was evaluating the various booths for the Clans contest! As I was waiting for people to arrive at my booth, I saw the Chieftain with Clan MacAulay and learned they got the gold medal! Then, to my great surprise he came towards me and I was given the silver medal for Clan Logan and Bronze went to Clan Mackenzie. I was suddenly overcome with emotion as it felt really good to be recognized, this achievement will be added to a few others I plan on showing the next Chief of Clan Logan when we get him, I hope he will see the love and passion I have for our great Clan! The President of the games, Randy, told me the Chieftain was greatly impressed, that I was able to deliver a very inspirational presentation of Clan Logan. It all came from my heart.

At the end of the Victoria Games came the sad part, removing what I put up, folding my Logan table cloth and packing everything away for a next time. I always have a sense of accomplishment after I host. Clan Logan was well represented and we made a great impression. That goes without saying that many did ask us to come back next year.. something we will be looking into as we do feel like we made new friends!



Photos from top left clockwise
- Clan Mackenzie wins bronze,
Clan MacAulay gold, Clan Logan silver!
- Randy Stewart and Steven Logan
- Day 2 brunch with Joan MacAulay



Whiskyfête 2022 by Steven Logan

On Thursday, May 26th, 2022, at the Mount Royal Club, was held the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society Whiskyfête. It was a wonderful, luxurious, high class evening in a very refined setting. Guests could get a chance at sampling many rare whiskies as they enjoyed a delicious bite to eat done by Chef Anthony Joyce. Waiters brought plates of smoked salmon, shrimp and desserts.

We ate, socialized and met up with people we knew. Jeff McCarthy did the ode to a Haggis and came to talk to me. It was nice spending time with our friend that we met at various other functions through the years. On this occasion, I was able to speak with Guthrie Stuart, the current President of the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society who thanked Clan Logan for it's active participation in the local Scottish Community it be at the Montreal Highland Games and other initiatives.

Other affluent members also came to thank me for my implication. It is now obvious that Clan Logan is very well known here after many years of hard work. This event also allowed to meet up with new faces. The proceeds of the sale of the tickets profit the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital that Clan Logan has helped in the past by raising funds with paintings.



Jeff McCarthy and Steven Logan

Ypres parade 2022 by Steven Logan

On Sunday, April 24th, I headed to Parc du Souvenir in Verdun for the Black Watch Veterans Association Battle of Ypres(Eipers) Parade dressed in my uniform for the event. We remember the sacrifice of the Canadians at the second battle of Ypres where poison gas was first used in WW1.

When I arrived to take part in the event, I was surprised to see a huge group of people protesting the cost of lodging in Montreal. After waiting a certain time, these people moved away and we were really happy to be able to continue with our plans. At this event, many politician showed up to pay their respects. We had Sterling Downey the city councilor, Marie-Andrée Mauger for project Montreal in Verdun, the local Liberal candidate for Verdun, Isabelle Melançon and the liberal federal representative David Lametti. Many people from the neighborhood came to watch the parade and ceremony.

We paraded in the street and marched towards the Monument of the brave in Parc du souvenir. Once we arrived there, there was a master of ceremonies who thanked all for coming to remember. We sang the Canadian anthem and remembered the fallen. Then the various political representatives, Black watch Veteran's Association and cadets all came to lay a wreath. It was a sad moment as we remembered those who lost their lives for the rights and freedoms we hold so dearly today.

At the end of the ceremony, we thanked each other for our participation and headed at the local Legion branch for a drink and to share with friends and acquaintances. At this event, I was able to spend time with Vicki Onufriu who is part of the Black watch Veteran's Association. Vicki was also one of the first people we met at our very first Highland games in Montreal back in 2015. She has been of great support of Clan Logan. I also met up with Ronald Harrison of the Cadet Corps who wants to participate in our Montreal Highland Games. Clan Logan will be presenting the Clans this year on July 31st On the Douglas Institute grounds in Verdun.



Steven Logan and Vicki Onufriu

CASSOC tartan event 2022 by Steven Logan

Each year, Clan Logan celebrates tartan day which is April 6th. It's a celebration of Scottish heritage, tradition and culture. We chose to join CASSOC for what was planned on Sunday April 3rd, 2022. Many people attended including our very own Patrick Dionne-Kuno, our representative of Ontario.

It was a lovely event hosted by the chair, William Petrie. We had a very nice presentation done from Robert, one of the Scottish Studies bursary beneficiaries who spoke passionately about his research. The event also offered a kilt presentation, music, Rory Sinclair on the pipes as well as a very interesting tartan challenge hosted by Emily Redman of ScotlandShop, my very own interviewer for when Clan Logan was ScotlandShop's Clan of the month of August 2021.

The tartan challenge was to optionally propose a new tartan for Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada. Attendees were put in little groups in break-out rooms to choose the best colours. Emily then assisted each group towards creating the tartan using a tartan generator, made modifications until each one was just right. There were 4 tartans created. A proposition will be made to choose the best one that suits the needs of the organization.

The tartan chosen must reflect what Clans and Scottish communities is all about, that link that brings our Scottish communities together as a whole across Canada and that promotes Scottish cultural heritage in every way and that makes us proud of our roots and ancestry. Once a final decision is made and accepted by board and members alike, Emily Redman will then register it with the Scottish tartans authority on behalf of CASSOC. It will be a tartan we can all use irrelevant of our Clan affiliations or if we don't have one for the purpose of representing our vast Scottish Canadian heritage.

We concluded the event with a toast that I proposed in both English and French to attendees who had a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon. I felt it was important to thank everyone for attending and participating as we are building a collective history together for future Scottish Canadian generations. I was moved seeing how we came together for such an important purpose, different people active in different Scottish settings. Long live Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada!



Images from the games on June 17 to 19, 2022
Courtesy of Ian Irving



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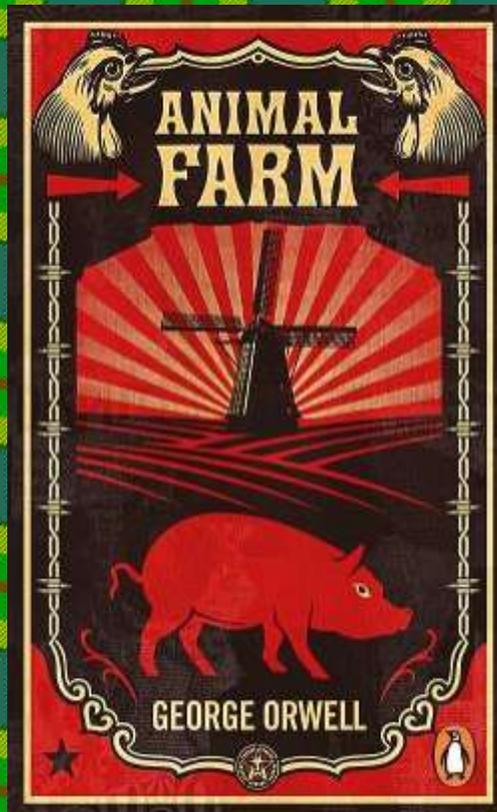
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Note from the President

Greetings from Loch Ness where I'm spending time with my favourite monster! It's so wonderful to be back in Scotland after so long.



George Orwell's Animal Farm to be Translated in Scots

The book is one of nine titles to be published in the Scots language. It has already been published in Gaelic but this is the first time it will be available to read in Scots.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



On June 17th the Royal Commonwealth Society hosted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dinner at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Members and Past Presidents of the St. Andrew's Society joined in with the celebrations to mark the amazing achievements of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in her 70 year reign.



Best Dressed Guests in Tartan

Wedding season is in full swing, there are festivities to be had and the perfect outfit needs to be purchased. Though anything white is off the cards, tartan is most definitely encouraged, especially for a Scottish wedding and we have options for every member of the family. With a choice of over 500 tartans, and custom made for the perfect fit, you'll be sure to step out in effortless elegance from ceremony to dancefloor.

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The Story of Wedderlie House

We recently took to the beautiful grounds and buildings at [Wedderlie House](#) estate for our latest photoshoot. Though it now stands in all it's glory as an exclusive wedding and events venue, Wedderlie's past is one of fascinating Scottish history. You can learn all about it's connections to Robert the Bruce, and journey through many clans to the current owners over on the blog.

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Plaid du Quebec - The Quebec Tartan Adventure

Plaid du Quebec - The Quebec Tartan Adventure by Linda Janes-Ryan

I call this an adventure because that is what it has turned into. I thought I was just starting a simple little project but didn't realize how much was involved in it, how much I would learn, and the importance of it. I have loved every minute.

Since 1998 the Quebec Women's Institute, of which I am a member since 1995 and currently President of the Chateauguay-Huntingdon County and on the Board of Directors, has been wearing the Quebec Tartan when we attend meetings and special events. In 2019 it came to my attention that while the Tartan is named for the Province, it is patented and registered with the Scottish Tartan Registry as the Quebec Tartan, and we even celebrate National Tartan Day, Quebec has never officially adopted it. In fact Quebec is the only Province not to have adopted an official tartan. The first Province to adopt a tartan was Nova Scotia in 1956 and the latest was Ontario in 2000. Canada officially adopted the Maple Leaf Tartan in 2011. The Quebec, Ontario and Canada Tartans have all been designed by the same company, Rotex Ltd. I decided to look into this and approached my local Member of the National Assembly (our Provincial Government), Mme Claire IsaBelle, and asked for her help with this project. We did some research and found no reason why it had not yet been done, except that maybe no one had thought about it or assumed that it was already done.



The next step was looking into the actual process for having a Tartan officially adopted, but just as we got going on it Covid 19 hit and everything was stopped. As Covid dragged on I assumed that the project was 'dead in the water' as the saying goes, but little did I know that Mme IsaBelle was still working on it and in June 2021 I received a call saying that we were back in business. It was going to be handled by the Minister of Justice and I had to produce a petition to prove that I was not the only person that wanted this to happen.

Therein started the next step of the process which involved yet more research to be sure we had 'all our ducks in a row'. Mme IsaBelle and I wrote a petition and finally on Nov. 11, 2021 the bilingual petition was launched and we had until Feb. 10, 2022 to sign it. We were hoping to get 500 signatures, which I thought possible with the support of our W.I. members, family and friends. On Dec. 1

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Plaid du Quebec - The Quebec Tartan Adventure

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my local newspaper wrote a 2 page, bilingual article and in January it was picked up by more media, including an interview on Global News, TVA news media, Journal de Montreal, other local papers, the Scottish Society and in fact if you go to Google and enter Linda Janes - Quebec Tartan you will find many reports. When Feb. 10 came I was surprised to see we actually had 1009 signatures. On Feb. 17 both petitions were read on the floor of the National Assembly and put into the minutes.

The next and final step is for a motion to be made at the National Assembly and then a vote will be taken to adopt it. We don't know when this will happen but we are hoping it will be soon.

I am very proud of the work I have done on this and the attention it has brought to the Women's Institute and the work we do. I appreciate all the support and interest in this project that I have been receiving and continue to receive and I thank everyone.

*Linda Janes-Ryan, President
Chateaugay-Huntingdon County
Quebec Women's Institute*

Editor's Note: For an excellent interview with Linda Janes by ScotlandShop visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeD-anpb_yM or click the video link below



Linda Janes proudly sports a jacket made from the Plaid du Québec tartan, which she hopes will soon be adopted as the province's official tartan.

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Membership Report and Updates

Membership Report

We have 41 Clans & Families, 5 Societies, 6 Games and 5 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
The Clan MACKENZIE Society of Canada

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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

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

North of Hadrians

ScotlandShop

Taylor's Tartans

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 next General Assembly meeting will be held November 27, 2022 2pm to 5pm. Format of in-person, virtual or blended is to be determined.

The 2023 Spring General Meeting date and format TBD.

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

Guidelines for submissions are:

Submissions due by the first of the month of publication, word/text readable format is preferred.

A grant of right of use for publication and posting on the web is implied.

Submitter must be able to legally provide the contents. For instance, please ensure that you have image rights for persons in photographs.

Publication of material is at the sole final discretion of the newsletter editor. Format, length and content may be adjusted by the editor as deemed necessary

CASSOC, the editor and agents assume no responsibility nor liability for submitted content in terms of factual correctness or right of use. All submissions will be published with the implied or explicit attribution of source.

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

Website (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)

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) or (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
Aug 5-7	Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	Goderich, ON	https://celticfestival.ca/home
Aug 06	Là Mór a' Bhaile - Highland Village Day	Iona, Cape Breton	https://highlandvillage.novascotia.ca/
Aug 12-14	Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games	Fergus, ON	https://fergusscottishfestival.com/
Aug 12-14	Margaree Highland Games	Margaree Valley NS	http://www.margareehighlandgames.com/
Aug 18-20	Folkfest Saskatoon	Saskatoon, SK	https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/
Aug 19-21	Festival Celtes et Cie de St. Malachie	St. Malachie, QC	https://festivalceltessaintmalachie.com
Aug 19-21	Miramichi Scottish Festival	Miramichi, NB	https://www.highlandsociety.com/scottish-festival/
Aug 20	National Capital Highland Games	Ottawa, ON	https://nationalcapitalhighlandgames.com/
Aug 20	Edmonton Highland Gathering	Edmonton, AB	www.edmontonscottishsociety.org
Aug 27	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/
Aug 28	Scottish Studies Foundation Jacobites, Jacobins and Outlanders: Scotland in Cultural Memory	Guelph, ON	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/networking-jacobites-community-talk-presentations-tickets-371303287127
Sep 3-4	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, BC	https://canmorehighlandgames.ca/
Sep 9	Scottish Studies Foundation Scot of the Year Award	Toronto, ON	https://p10.secure.hostingprod.com/@scottishstudies.com/ssl/950-soy-2022.htm
Sep 8-11	Festival celtique de Québec	Québec, QC	http://festivalceltique.com
Oct 7-15	Celtic Colours International Festival	Cape Breton, NS	https://celtic-colours.com/about/
Oct 21-23	Scottish North American Community Conference	New York & Online	https://scottishleadershipconference.com
22-Oct	Intro to Curling Social St Andrew's Toronto	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event
22-Nov	CASSOC AGM	TBD	http://www.cassoc.ca
26-Nov	Charity Ball St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event
21 Jan	Burns Dinner St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event

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 on-line. If you've an on-line presence we'll include the appropriate links. There is no cost for advertisements by a member in the newsletter.

Highland Games, Festivals and other events

CASSOC provides 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 dis-counts that follow.

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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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An Drochaid - The Bridge

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CASSOC assumes no responsibility for content including dates for events.

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 Autumn issue.

Please try to provide submissions by the end of September.

Submissions should be emailed to editor@cassoc.ca



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