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Glasgow Games huge success in 2010 celebrating their 25th silver anniversary!



The Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games celebrated their silver anniversary with the North American Team Scottish Athletic Championship under the direction of Joe Myers and Kerry "KO" Overfelt.

Team USA consisted of Larry Brock, Kerry Overfelt, Craig Smith and Mark Valenti. Team Canada was Lyle Barron, Matt Doherty, Greg Hadley and Jason Johnson.

In the competitions which were held both Saturday and Sunday of the Glasgow Games, the United States emerged victorious with the USA's Larry Brock setting three field records. Canadian Greg Hadley also set a field record at these games. Final score was USA 189 points and Canada 135 points.

Celebrating his 20th anniversary as President of the Glasgow, Kentucky, Highland Games, Robert "Bob" Harrison (seen at the left) wrote in the 2010 program, "The legacy of tradition and values our Celtic roots have given us is evidenced by the beautiful farms and contryside, industrious people and an abundance of spirituality we are so fortunate to have in South Central Kentucky. The Celtic values of honor, family, loyalty, freedom and duty under God, brought to the area by the first Scottish settlers have withstood the changes of time. It is with these alues that we face the adversities of these difficult economic times. Together we will pre-

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Happy Birthday America!



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Let me tell you about Narra...

Not to worry. Narra is fine at 14....but we joke all the time about her being the proofreader and computer repair cat for this publication. That sounds really impossible.

Her actual story is absolutely true and sounds even more strange than a cat proofreading.

Narra is half registered Siamese on her mother's side. Her father was a registered Maine Coon cat. These two were not supposed to "meet" at all...but did. My friend, Jeri, brought Narra to me in Moultrie when she looked more like a curled up snail than a cat...long, skinny and striped.

Narra is short for "Narrow A___ Cat." When she was little she was like the chocolate milk cow on TV...nothing there when you looked at her from the front or from the back.

She has always been very, very smart. She will play

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A letter from your editor... I set the cake on five!

Tomorrow is my birthday! I share my

June 18th celebration with my dear friends, Judy Eaton in Orlando, Florida and Maureen Hendrick up at Glasgow, Kentucky. I share both year and day with my favorite country singer, the quiet, but marvelous Don Williams. When I worked for WMOP All American Country Radio in Ocala, Florida I got to interview Mr. Williams many times. What a genuinely nice person he is!

My old friend and "brother", Woody Bowers from Moultrie, sent me a huge birthday box filled with goodies I love - and, for Tom to open - a bag filled with fire hats, a toy hatchet and all kinds of fire department stuff and THREE BOXES of candles! Seems friend Woody thinks the blaze from all of my candles will start a fire. Ha.

I'll share what I'm going to do since you won't read this until after Woody opens what I'm going to send him! In the birthday box was a "do it yourself birthday cake" with everything to make my own birthday cake. (Great idea!) I'm going to bake that cake in the morning and send slices back to Moultrie for Woody and also for my friend, Jinx. I'm going to singe and burn some brown paper bag paper in which to wrap the foil wrapped cake! My note to them will read, "Gee, guys, when I lit my candles I started a BIG fire. Sorry to have scorched your cake paper! The firefighting equipmentyou sent saved the day."

A revenge of sorts will be mine! It will also be fun to share my cake with them!

Birthdays to me are times to celebrate friendships. I love the cards and notes that come from my buddies...even a card every year signed by my dear friends from Robert E. Lee High School from so long ago that dinosaurs were grazing outside the school windows when we were students. None of those gals have aged a bit! It's great fun to celebrate friends' birthdays too. I keep a "Birthday Book" where I list everyone who has a birthday in a particular month. I can't keep up with the dates very well but I do send cards about the first of each month.

All year, I look for socks and handkerchiefs for Marti. Hankies have gotten hard to find, so this year I had to send a second package after Tom found vintage, handmade hankies for Marti at an antique store in Lebanon, Tennessee! Marti may be the last person in the world to use cloth handkerchiefs...and Tom the only "HuhHuh" who would look for hankies for his wife's beloved friend.

All year, I look for something unusual for Carol....and Jeri...and Barbara...and, and...so birth-days give me pleasure almost all the time.

My friends are more family to me than most folks could imagine. I read somewhere that, "Friends are the family you choose yourself." I've found that to be oh so true.

This birthday will be a quiet one for us. We're waiting on several really good things to finally happen that will change our lives...which I will share with you all when I know more.

I am going to get a really good haircut on Saturday in Greenville, SC...my birthday present from me to me.

Every time I write these columns, it's something going on in my own head...so they usually are sort of rambling observations and opinions...which I hope you enjoy reading.

In the meantime, I have changed from regular birthdays to Celsius birthdays. I think I am something like 20 Celsius. That works for me. That's about what I feel like these days.

Tom and I have decided the opposite for our anniversaries. We have switched to African Pygmy Hedgehog years for those. APH years are 16 years to one regular year. So, we have been Handfasted 48 APH years! We've been married 16 APH years, too!

Love, Bethie

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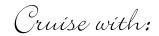
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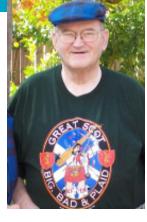
Howers of the Forest

Richard (Dick) A. Grant, former Clan Grant Southern California Commissioner, passed away last February 25 due to congestive heart failure. If you would like to send a letter or card to Alice Grant, his widow, write 312 Trinity St., Bridgeport, TX 76426.

Long time member of Clan Grant, **Hugh B. Dunn, Jr.**, passed away last February 28. He joined Clan Grant at the Ligonier Games in 1980 and attended every game thereafter until the slope of the land became too much for him to walk. He played drums with several organizations, including the Clan Grant Pipe Band of Donora, serving as Chief in

1955-1956. He was a former United States Marine, serving in the South Pacific. He lost his wife in a tragic car accident in 2003 - her memory was always in his thoughts.

ern Kentucky University, then joined the Air Force for 30 years of worldwide duty as a weatherman. His assignments included stints in Europe (including Prestwick, Scotland) and Korea, being the lone Air Force officer at a large Maryland Army post, and serving as official meteo-



rologist for the Cheyenne Mountain excavation project.

He retired in 1981 at Keesler AFB, became a flight

instructor, and lived in Ocean Springs for the next 29 years. He was a longtime member of AOPA, the Order of the Quiet Birdmen (QBs), and Friends of St. Martin Library.



Clan Grant member, Wolf Dieter Klose, lost his wife of 42 years last January. They had been married since 1968.

James E. Wilson, 79, of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2010. He was born in Bedford, Indiana. He retired from the United States Marines in 1969. He and his wife of 57 years, Jean Grant Wilson, gave much time to Clan Grant, USA. His ashes were interred at the new Jacksonville National Cemetery with full honors.

Lt. Col. Ralph Clayton Elliott, USAF (retired), died May 8, 2010, in Biloxi, Mississippi after an illness.

Born in Kentucky on April 3, 1928, he grew up near Cincinnati, earned a BSc in 1950 from East-

At his first Scottish Games, he was uninterested until he realized the massed bands' drum major was wearing Elliot blue tartan. Both his daughters are very active in the Elliot clan.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jacquelyn Haynie Elliott of Ocean Springs, MS; daughters Sylvia Elliott (Michael Miller) of Winterville, Georgia, and Pamela Laura Elliott of Wichita, Kansas; and son Mark Elliott (Mary Kay) of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He is also survived by 2 sisters in Ohio: Diane Clark and Linda Amann. He was predeceased by his parents Everett and Lillian Elliott, and brothers Kenneth and Robert, all of Kentucky.

He was cremated and no services were held. Since the Biloxi beaches were under an oilspill watch, his ashes were not sprinkled but returned home by escorts wearing Elliot kilt/sash/necktie.

The Utah Genealogical Association has posted the classes for the January 2011 Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy on their website at http://www.infouga.org/ The January 2011 series will be held January 10-14. Please see the website for more details.

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"fetch" with you. She comes when I call her. She meets me at the door whenever I come home - and is delighted even if I've only been gone for five minutes.

The truth is, she has taken care of me every day of her life. My own life previously was not a happy one. At home, I was frightened most of the time. Narra and my other kitties would sleep with me and softly growl if they felt there was danger. They guarded me as best they could.

In 2003, because of stress from my job and stress at home, I suffered a serious heart attack. For several weeks before this happened, Miss Narra, slept on my chest - something she did not do before nor has done since. (I'm fine now...thanks to wonderful care at the Tallahassee, Florida hospital there is no sign I ever had anything wrong.)

For years and years I was in excruciating pain with my left hip - thanks to a very bad horse wreck many years ago. I went to the doctor in Moultrie, but he couldn't figure out what was wrong. Narra slept as close to my hip as she could. After a time,

my left knee became excruciatingly painful because I walked "funny" and the knee responded by HURTING. I will never forget when I looked down and Narra was stretched out as long as she could...but barely could reach from my knee to my hip. She was looking at me and saying very clearly, "Mama, I'm doing my best, but I'm a very small cat." (She weighs about 8 pounds.)

She continued "doctoring" my hip and knee for years...until I moved to South Carolina and found a wonderful human doctor who replaced that hip with a spanking new one made of titanium. When I came home from the hospital after the surgery, Narra slept that night in my arms for the first time in years.

How did she know what hurt? How did she know I needed guarding? Heart attack?

She's 14 now - and loves Tom dearly. She sleeps in my arms each and every night and is happy. How can I ever thank this tiny, amazing scrap of life for the love and devotion and joy she has given me?

The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is ready!

Glen Cathey has recently put up The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page and it is ready for you to join and participate. You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at Nethybridge. This is the link: http://www.facebook.com/ pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680

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A huge Neolithic cathedral has been discovered by archaeologists on Orkney Island. Nothing like it has ever been seen before in Scotland.

The new site is located near two of Scotland's best known Neolithic landmarks.

The 5,000 year old building is 62 feet x 82 feet, with 16-foot-thick walls.

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Just for fun, here are some former beauty queens you might recognize:

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Homesteaders

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As the population of America consistently increased in the 1800's, the availability of land in the eastern part of the country steadily decreased. This caused the price of what was available to significantly increase. These factors, among many others, played significant roles in initiating westward expansion in America.

Homesteaders came from a variety of backgrounds. Examples included small farmers in the east who could not afford land of their own, newly arrived immigrants whose main reason for coming to America was to obtain land, families with young kids, single women, and former slaves freed after the Civil War. They all shared the same expectation of land ownership which fueled the homestead movement as our frontier expanded westward.



The passing of the Homestead Act by Congress in May 1862 was a major boost that attracted many more people to make the journey. The passage gave citizens or aliens that had filled out Declarations of Intentions to become citizens, 160 acres of land, free of charge, if the specified conditions were successfully completed. Under normal circumstances, applicants had to build a home on the land, cultivate it, and reside there for five years.

Congress would later pass multiple amended versions of the Homestead Act. One of the most significant was the Homestead Act of 1872 which was directed towards helping Union veterans, or their widows, and their families. Homesteading had

a profound effect on America as our country expanded westward. From the perspective of genealogical research, documents generated as part of proving the claim are the most valuable. These claim files can supplement what information the genealogist already has or can provide new details and areas to research. The homestead entry papers,

when complete, include the homestead application, the certificate of publication of intention to make a claim, the homestead proof, testimony of two witnesses and the claimant, and the final certificate. Also included, if applicable, are naturalization papers and discharge papers from the Union Army.

Historians estimate that between 400,000 and 600,000 families were provided with new farms as a result of the original act and amendments. The states which tend to have the most homesteading applications were Colorado, the Dakotas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. However, it should be noted that other states also received applicants as well.

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Terese Frazer VanHout is 2010 Laura Kilpatrick Spirit Award winner at Glasgow

Terese Frazer VanHout is the 2010 Laura Kilpatrick Spirit Award winner. She was selected by an anonymous committee from all of the clansmen and clanswomen at clan tents at the recent Glasgow, KY Highland Games for her friendliness, charm and graciousness towards visitors to her tent.

The late Laura Kilpatrick was the embodiment of those characteristics. To be awarded this title is a high honor.

(Above)Kenneth Trist Urquhart of Urquhart, Chief of the Games; Bob Harrison, President of the Glasgow Highland Games and the United States Heavy Athletic team consisting of: Larry Brock, Kerry Overfelt, Craig Smith and Mark Valenti.

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vail with our British, Canadian, Irish and other allies who love freedom."

More photos of the Glasgow Highland Games are seen on pages 18 & 19 of this section of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*.

(Above) Kenneth Trist Urquhart of Urquhart awarding first place trophy to American Larry Brock at the recent Glasgow Highland Games US vs Canada competition.

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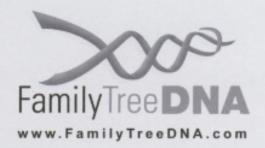
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Scottish Cherokee link celebrated

Laura Seawright in Craigellachie, newsletter of the Clan Grant Society. Contact them at rballan@san.rr.com

"Digging Up Your Roots" was a BBC Radio Scotland family history program that aired last January.

An extraordinary link between Scotland and a Native American Indian tribe is set to take center state at an International Clan Grant gathering. It is believed that up to a half of the Cherokee Nation

could be descendants of Ludovick Grant, who was a laird's son from Creichie Aberdeenshire. A delegation from the tribe are planning to visit the Clan Grant International Meeting this summer to discover the roots of their celebrated ancestor.

Ludovick Grant was captured while fighting for the Jacobite army in the Battle of Preston in 1715 and was due to be hanged. However, he escaped death and was instead transported to South Carolina where he was an indentured servant. Following his release after seven years of service, he began working as a trader for the Cherokee people.

According to Marjorie Lowe, a descendant of

Ludovick, the fact that he was the son of a Scottish laird would have been meaningless to the Cherokees.

"Many of our Cherokee leaders were descended from this one intermarriage," says Ms. Lowe. "Each person was judged on his own merits and they did not recognize any kind of social

> hierarchy except their matriarchal clan system," she told BBC Radio Scotland's program. "So, Grant, no doubt, was accepted as a peaceful person who brought the trade goods which they desired."

> "Since Ludovick lived among the Cherokees for more than thirty years and intermarried, we can

surmise that he was accepted fully as an adopted Cherokee citizen."

Ludovick met a Cherokee girl known as Eughioote, and according to the Clan Grant, they had a daughter named Mary.

Clan Grant Seannachie Adrian Grant said, "Although Ludovick only had the one daughter

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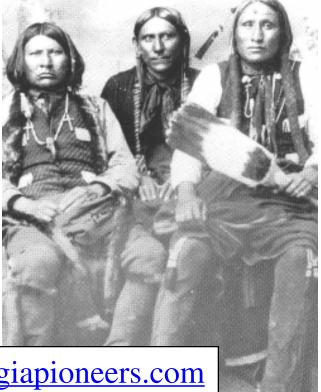
Collard (Cedartown's Collard Valley named after him) and his two sons, all of Polk County. Collard was removed from the area in 1838 but apparently his family posed for this picture before re-location to Oklahoma.

After the War Between the States, Collard's two sons returned to Cedartown and visited Martha Cordelia Whatley Whitehead, giving her this photograph.

Many of our ancestors followed the direction of land grants and land lotterys, but when the Cherokees were removed in 1833, this opened up counties close to the Alabama border.

One of the first settlers to Polk County wrote of the frontier days in 1875 and his article appeared in *The Record*, probably the first newspaper in Polk

County on June 5th and 26th, July 24th and August 7th of 1875.



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with his Cherokee wife, she went on to be the ancestress of so many Cherokees that a huge proportion - something like a third or a half - of all Cherokees now count Ludovick Grant as one of their ancestors."

Ms. Lowe added, "Many of our Cherokee leaders were descended from this one marriage, others too numerous to mention, would include justices of the Cherokee supreme court and many council members."

While creating a legacy with the Cherokees, it appears that Ludovick had left a wife behind in Scotland. He had married a woman called Margaret Redwood in Edinburgh in 1710, five years before he was captured and sent abroad.

In 1736, she sought a court order requiring Ludovick to act as a proper husband. This document, known as a Process of Adherence, was viewed as a first stage in seeking a divorce.

He titled his article *By One of the First Settlers*. The unknown author described Captain Gravley's drunkenness as well the Cherokee's last Green Corn Dance (in Polk County). The articles embrace the areas of Cedartown and Cleantown (now Rockmart), dating back to the 1830s. Cleantown was named by the Indians *as the most stinking and filthy name they could think of, in order, as they said, to suit the class and character of the people who lived around it.* Even so, the white people called it Cleantown.

A large majority of the settlers to Cleantown or Euharley Valley were members of the Pony Club, which seemed to be a secret club. The club consisted of a group of men who had fled from the law and banded themselves together for the express purpose of thieving. They had their own set of by-laws.

This club ultimately caused the good people to form what was known as the Slick Company, to protect the property of those persons who did not have an equal chance with such characters.

Thowers of the Forest

Joseph F. Blair Sr., 89, of Erskine Road died on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Maine General Rehabilitation and Nursing Care at Glenridge, Augusta. He was born on June 15, 1920, in Boston, the son of John and Norine Blair. Joseph moved to Maine in 1945.

At 21, he earned his marine engineering license and worked for the Department of the Navy performing Army transport during World War II. He spent his career at sea, in various positions of the engine room of large vessels. Joseph semi-retired to Woods Hole,

Mass where he served as chief engineer for the steamship authority. He retired in 1987 and went on to participate in local government.

Joseph enjoyed reading the newspaper, keeping up on current events, telling stories, sharing his knowledge with others and time spent with family. Joseph was predeceased

by his wife, Marie Blair; his parents; his brother Robert Blair; and a sister, Marcia Blair.

He is survived by sons Joseph Blair and his wife, Cathy, and John, Charles and Christopher Blair; daughters Norine Mitchell and her husband, Maurice, and Mary Blair; brother John Blair; grandchildren Rebecca and Crystal Blair, Monique, Christopher and Michael Mitchell, and James Reynolds; great-grandchildren Faith and Akela Mitchell, and Noah Crummet; and special friends Evelyn French and Amanda Sproul.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 8, at St. Denis Catholic Church in Whitefield. Joseph and his wife Marie were Clan Blair Society members #72 and had a large family, many of whom are members of CBS. Commissioners for Maine, they were extremely active and had a large impact on the clan through their participation, generosity, and passion.

Without them, Clan Blair would not have made the progress it did in the early days.

Clan Blair Society Member #310 Joyce Fehler of Vallejo, CA lost her husband, Douglas H. Fehler May 20, 2009 from cancer and respiratory problems. They had been married for 61 years. Three weeks later, Joyce lost a daughter-in-law to a mas-

> siveheartatta k. Clan Blair extends our condolences to Joyce and her family.

> Rev. Chenoweth Watson, a member of the Clan MacNicol Society from its earliest days, died last October 23. He was born in 1925 in Danville, Illinois. He

United States Navy for four years during World War II. Afterwards he continued his education at the University of Wisconsin. There he met Avis and they were married in 1947. Chenoweth attended the McCormick Seminary (Presbyterian) where he graduated in 1952. He served churches in Wisconsin, Indiana, New York and Massachusetts. He worked for the John Milton Society for the Blind in New York and served the Boy Scouts of America as Chaplain for many national and world jamborees.

Chenoweth and Avis retired to a home on Cape Cod and attended the Scottish Games held there and in New Hampshire.

The couple had four children and three grandsons. Avis and Chenoweth shared a marriage for 61 years.

If you would like to send belated condolences, may Avis Watson you email at avisann1925@aol.com





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Cocktail Heaven

An Interview with
Mixologist Charlotte Voisey
By Ray Pearson

For those of you cocktail lovers planning to be in or near New Orleans July 21 – 25, you might consider a visit to Tales of the Cocktail. Tales, as it's affectionately known, is one of the world's largest gatherings of phenomenal bartenders, brand ambassadors, and chefs, all sharing their latest achievements in the world of cocktails. More details on this great event are at www.talesofthecocktail.com.

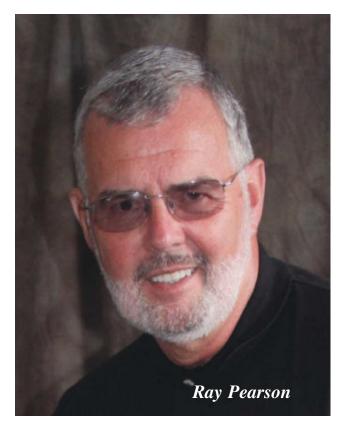
Charlotte Voisey, an internationally renowned mixologist, will be participating in a number of events during the five days of Tales. We had a few minutes to ask her some questions:

RP: As Company Mixologist for William Grant & Sons, how do you approach designing cocktails across the company's portfolio? Do some spirits receive a greater share of your attention than others?

CV: It is no secret that Hendrick's Gin is my favorite brand and indeed the reason that I moved to the USA to work for William Grant and Sons. I fell in love with Hendrick's when it first came out and still love mixing with it. I am now fortunate enough to look after the whole company portfolio. I really enjoy the breadth and depth of the great tasting, top class brands that we have and the mixability that they offer.

RP: You have been referred to in various articles as "a doyenne", and "a slinky brand ambassador". What role, if any, does gender play in doing what you do?

CV: This is a question I get often and understandably since bartending is still dominated by



the boys. If anything, it may have helped me get my fair share of the limelight during my career but in no way helps or hinders the quality of cocktails that I create. I have been inspired by great personalities of both genders and I see the industry currently offering equal opportunities to all.

RP: How have cocktails evolved over the years?

CV: The evolution of cocktail culture is a fascinating story. Its history goes back to England in the 1600s, when gin punches were popular. In the 1800s, after the phylloxera aphid blight wiped out most brandy production, whisky, rum, and other spirits replaced brandy in cocktails. Today, old ingredients like Old Tom Gin and Genever are making a comeback. Add culinary trends, the demand for fresh ingredients in food, and widespread exposure to other cultures through travel, and you have an exciting emergence of exotic ingredients for cocktails.

RP: How does this cocktail culture change Continued on page 24



geographically, say from San Francisco to New York?

CV: There is definitely a local twist in each city although the overriding theme right now for bartenders across the country is spreading the passion for what we do in terms of raising the game understanding the importance of good technique, fresh ingredients, well distilled spirits and appropriate glassware size. New York is famous for mastering the classics and creating great stirred cocktails, whereas San Francisco is famous for using farmers' market ingredients and lots of fresh, seasonal fruits and herbs in their cocktails.

RP: Your Punch & Judy creation was named Cocktail of the Year at Tales of the Cocktail in 2008. What is your inspiration in creating a new cocktail, and the P&J in particular?

CV: Inspiration for a new cocktail can come from anywhere and that is the fun part. Sometimes I create a cocktail specifically to showcase the base spirit, other times my objective is to incorporate flavors of the season, culture of a geographical location, or even to celebrate a particular event. Food menus also inspire my creations, such as the farmers' market style menu I put together at FIG restaurant in Santa Monica, CA. The Punch and Judy was created to be a big, bold spiced punch fun flavors that everyone would enjoy.

RP: What role does the season of the year play in your creations? If Tales of the Cocktail were to be held in January in Chicago, would the cocktails be different than in summer in New Orleans?

CV: Seasons definitely inspire cocktails, both in terms of ingredients used and level of refreshment. A cucumber cocktail with Hendrick's is my go to summer base. Tales of the Cocktail embraces all styles of cocktails from all over the world in every way possible so the cocktails we create and share there are not seasonal but rather the best collection of mixed drinks on show anywhere in the world.

RP: Let's get personal: What is your own favorite cocktail?

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CV: It really depends on the moment. I love trying new things. For example, if I were to throw a summer cocktail party at home (NYC) one of my favorite cocktails would be a pitcher of classic bellinis

RP: What are some of your favorite bars?

CV: My favorite bars include Hakkasan (London), The Bar at the Dorchester (London), Zig Zag Café (Seattle) Clover Club (Brooklyn), PDT (NYC) and The Varnish (Los Angeles).

RP: Do you have a mixology mentor?

CV: Jason Fendick was the first to open my eyes to the art of flavor combination and since then I have been surrounded by passionate and creative people who continue to inspire me when it comes to cocktails such as Tony Abou Ganim, Julie Reiner, Charles Joly and Jackie Patterson.

RP: Where do you do your creating and experimentation?

CV: When I am on the road it is a challenge, however I try and stop by a friendly bar and get a couple of hours of "development" in. Largely I create drinks at home, in my kitchen, which is set up like a bar. The neighbors probably think I am crazy, making martinis in my pajamas!

RP: And finally, from your travels, do you have a favorite Tale of the Cocktail?

CV: Generally it is a wonderful mix of work hard play hard, but my most unforgettable memory must be from last year, Tales 2009 when my copresenter of "Cocktails of the Tales", Jim Ryan, was dressed as a hungover cockroach under the covers in bed in the seminar!

Charlotte's schedule at Tales of the Cocktail

(www.talesofthecocktail.com):

Wednesday, 7/21 - hosting the Stoli Professional Seminar Series during the day, stopping by the Solerno Spa at the Hotel Monteleone for a blood orange facial before throwing the Tales welcome party with a little help from Hendrick's, Milagro, Sailor Jerry, Solerno, Glenfiddich, Balvenie, Lillet at night!

Thursday, 7/22 - presenting the Hendrick's Botanical Garden seminar with Jim Ryan Hosting

the Single Malt VIP Tasting Room with Glenfiddich and Balvenie then off to mix cocktails with Gina Cheservani at our Spirited Dinner at the wonderful Coquette

Friday, 7/23 - mixing up the old and the new with Tony Abou Ganim at our "Gin Cocktails" seminar, feasting on some cucumbers then squeezing a thousand limes for the Tales USBG Milagro Fresh Margarita competition!

Saturday, 7/24 - Hendrick's Tasting Room, More seminars, Sailor Jerry Tasting Room, more cocktails, some pool time then getting dolled up for the Tales Awards

Sunday, 7/25 - up bright and early to catch the last few seminars

Monday - recovery begins!

Charlotte Voisey Accolades:

* UK Bartender of the Year 2004

* Silver Medal at the World Female Bartender Championships in Italy in 2006

* Golden Spirit Award for Best Presenter at Tales of the Cocktail in 2007 and 2009

* Created Cocktail of the Year at Tales of the Cocktail, 2008 - the Punch & Judy

* Recognized for contributions to mixology at the James Beard Awards 2009

The Gairloch/Loch Maree Project underway with Electric/Scotland.com

Alastair McIntyre, the owner of Electric Scot-

web site in Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, where he onto the site. In fact the very first publication that intended to build a large resource on the history of went up was provided my James Thin Booksell-Scotand, the Scots and people and places of Scots ers, the then oldest book seller in Scotland. It was

descent all over the world.

He always enjoyed history at Dollar Academy where he often placed 1st in the class but had to give it up in favour of taking Economics.

With the demise of the old BBS's (Bulletin Board Systems), where he ran Europe's largest Bulletin Board (Almac BBS), due to the explosive introduc-

tion of the Web, he decided to launch a whole new depth and has tried for many years to achieve this business around Scottish History and thus but so far without success. While in Scotland he ElectricScotland.com was created.

Steve May (A hillbilly) who helps with the technical work of hosting the site. Steve is also technical dustry Association).

As the web site built it was becoming obvious that he needed to do better research on the Scots Diaspora and this moved the business to Kentucky of taking antiquarian books of an area and pubin the USA where the business became Electric lishing them onto the site. Right now a start has Canada where he now resides.

Today the Electric Scotland site carries over land, has been full time in the online industry run- 150 Gbytes of information on the history of Scotning his own online businesses for over 25 years. land and the Scots. Much of the information is pro-In 1997 he started his ElectricScotland.com vided through publishing old antiquarian books

"The General History of the Highlands, Highland Clans Highland Regiments".

Over many years Alastair has always wanted to expand the history delve into an area of Scotland in great



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tried to persuade the Scottish Government and This is a one man operation ably assisted by Scottish Tourism to build a giant "Virtual Scotland" where people could travel the length and breadth of Scotland online. It wasn't to be but he still has advisor to the USIIA (United States Internet In- the desire to do something similar on a more local level and hence this project.

The Project

We are in the process of doing our normal job Scotland USA LLC. He then decided to move to been made at http://www.electricscotland.com/his-

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tory/gairloch

What I would like to achieve with this project is in some ways making this a virtual community in that by the time we are finished with it you'll learn a great deal about the area both from an historical perspective but also about the area today.

This means we are looking for thousands of high resolution pictures covering the roads and lochs and hills and beaches of the area. We'd like to get commentary on the pictures taken and have themes for them. For example...Pictures of the roads through the area which may well be someone driving the roads and taking pictures as they travel. I did a similar job myself while spending around 3 months based at Kinloch Rannoch which

can be seen at http://www.electricscotland.com/travel/pitlochry/pictures_tours.htm

Should we have a hill walker then hopefully we can persuade them to take pictures of some of their walks with some commentary to go with them.

Should we have a golfer then again they might take pictures of the golf course and club house and show us the bar, locker roons, and even the food they serve up.

Should we have an angler then hopefully pictures of places where there is good fishing with commentary on advice about flies and bait and the type of fish that can be caught.

We'd also like to get pictures and the history of local people. Hopefully they might tell us the history of their family, what they do for a living, even information on the jobs they do.

We'd like to involve the local school and other local community resources in any ways that are possible. Perhaps the local children could do their own mini project by telling us about their area and taking some pictures for us?

We'd like to tell the story of local business, get their history and what they are doing today.

At the end of the day this should be an excellent promotion of the area but from my point of view it's really opening up the area to provide an up to date history of the area and its people.

Electric Scotland gets around 4.5 million unique visitors in the course of the year with the top visiting countries being USA - 45%, UK - 25% and Canada - 10% but some 260 countries and territories visit the site each month.

The retiring President of the Scottish Studies Foundation, David Hunter, past Vice-President of CTV (Canadian Television) is holidaying in Scotland right now where he owns a home not far from the area and is hoping to visit and take some pictures for us.

What we really need is to have local support for this project as we clearly can't do it alone. I'm hoping that once local people know we're under-



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taking this project that they might get behind it and have a lot of fun with it. As we receive pictures and commentary we'll add them to the site as they come in.

We hope we'll also be able to have a recording of the local radio station and a copy of the local newspaper to put up as well. Perhaps the local church would video a church service?

And it is our intention to add a special forum within our Aois Community where folk can message with any locals and locals can introduce themselves. In the next few weeks we will be launching a new and much improved community service

Pardons might be in the future for families of Scottish Jacobites

Scottish noble families who supported the Jacobite Rebellion (1745-46) were later said to have "corrupted blood," and were stripped of their land and titles.

A campaign is now underway to reverse the "acts of attainder."

The effort has support in the Scottish Parliament. The action might be largely symbolic, but might allow some people to reclaim titles.

With thanks to the Clan Shaw Society Newsletter, *An Biodag*. Contact Clan Shaw at 3031 Appomattox Ave., #102, Olney, MD 20832.

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where we hope the facilities on offer will add greatly to your enjoyment of this service. The current service can be viewed at http://www.scotchat.org but the new service will come up at http://www.electricscotland.org

I might add that the average page on our web site is a chapter of a book and so we are looking for loads of information and on every subject you can imagine.



I should at this point mention that our site will shortly be mirrored by Simon Fraser University where of course the Simon Fraser Pipe Band are the World Champions. We have ensured that the site will be available for future generations to enjoy and learn from and so your great grandchildren will have free access to all our history and of course Gairloch and Loch Maree.

And so I am sending out this email to as many concerns contacts as I can find in the area and at this point account.

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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chris at Highland and Islands Enterprise for providing some contacts and also Yasmeen Hollenstein, Librarian, for also providing some contacts. Thank you both!

Should you have a local notice board you might stick this up for people to read and hopefully in your normal daily contacts you might mention this project.

One of my favourite quotes is that "You are only limited by your imagination". This simply means that I don't have a monopoly on ideas and so we welcome any suggestions you might have. I hope every family in the area will contribute their own family history both through text and pictures and even video. Perhaps some old pictures of grandparents could also be included and stories about them.

You can contact me through the web site or by email at electricscotland@gmail.com or by post at...Electric Scotland, 167 Raleigh St, Chatam, Ontario, N7M 2N4, Canada or by phone at 519 351 7020.

And I look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards

Alastair McIntyre, KCTJ, FSA Scot http://www.electricscotland.com

Warning Note: You should be advised as this is a public project you also need to consider what is appropriate or not appropriate to give out on your family. Safety and security concerns should always be taken into account. The Rockdale County Genealogical Society is Selling Our Overrun!

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